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BEING A SHORT READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE
FOR EVERY MORNING AND EVENING
IN THE YEAR

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AND TO HIM I DEDICATE THIS LITTLE BOOK

WITH A MOTHER'S LOVE

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PREFACE.

THESE SELECTIONS from the Bible were not originally intended for publication; but fearing the manuscript might be lost, and also feeling that others besides him for whom they were written might find them useful, I determined on publishing them, though it is with great diffidence I do so, knowing how many similar books there are of far greater merit, as to arrangement and selection. In writing them, the object I had in view was to give a passage from Scripture, for every morning and evening, that can be read carefully and thoughtfully *in one minute.* The excuse so often made for not reading the Bible is, 'I have not time.' Now there can be no morning or evening in which *the one minute* necessary for this reading cannot be found. It is therefore my earnest hope that this book may be, with the blessing of God, useful in supplying a few holy thoughts for even the most hurried, busy day. A few prayers have been added, for morning and evening and other times.

MY DAILY TEXT BOOK.

JANUARY 1.

MORNING.

Lord, teach me so to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom. *Ps.* xc. 12.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten: and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow, so soon passeth it away, and we are gone. *Ps.* xc. 10.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. *Ps.* lxvii. 1.

O, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. *Ps.* xcv. 6–8.

Blessed be God, who has brought me to the beginning of another year. Oh, that I may begin this new year with new resolutions of serving God more faithfully, considering in this my day the things that belong unto my peace, and that I may pass this, and all the years I may be spared, in the humble hope of a blessed eternity, for Jesus Christ's sake.

EVENING.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth for evermore.

The Lord's name be praised, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high, and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth. *Ps.* cxiii. 2, 3, 5.

The Lord hath been mindful of us; He will bless us.

He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great. *Ps.* cxv. 12, 13.

He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation.

God is the Lord by whom we escape death.

Praised be the Lord daily; even the God who helpeth us and poureth his benefits upon us. *Ps.* lxviii. 19, 20.

JANUARY 2.

MORNING.

The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and all the people that forget God.* *Ps.* ix. 17.

O consider this, ye that forget God, lest I pluck you away, and there be none to deliver you. *Ps.* l. 22.

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away my offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. *Ps.* li. 1-3, 11.

The soul that is truly penitent, dreads nothing but the thought of being rejected from the '*presence*,' and deserted by the 'Spirit,' of God. This is a most deplorable and irremediable effect of sin; but it is one that in general perhaps is the least considered and regarded of all others. *Horne.*

EVENING.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin. 2 *Chron.* vii. 14.

O God, Thou art my God: early will I seek thee. *Ps.* lxiii. 1.

O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul. *Ps.* cxvi. 4.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake; and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. *Ps.* cxliii. 11.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my God: let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness. *Ps.* cxliii. 10.

We here pray that God by his good Spirit will lead us out of the mazes of error and the pollution of vice, into the pleasant land of truth and holiness. *Horne.*

JANUARY 3.

MORNING.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch: I say before the morning watch.

Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it.

For there is mercy with Thee: therefore shalt Thou be feared.

I look for the Lord: my soul doth wait for Him: in his word is my trust. *Ps.* cxxx. 1–5.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hands are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and He made it; and his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker. *Ps.* xcv. 3-6.

'From Him we had our being: Him therefore we are to supplicate for every other blessing, both in this life and that which is to come.'

EVENING.

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely *live* he shall not die.

Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions: so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Cast away from you all your transgressions whereby ye have transgressed, and make you a new heart and a new spirit; for why will ye die?

For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God; wherefore turn yourselves and live ye. *Ezek.* xviii. 27–32.

The most wicked man on earth is not excluded from God's favour and eternal life by all his former sins if he do not persist in the despairing of mercy; but if he *repent* and *believe* the Gospel, he shall save his soul alive.

JANUARY 4.

MORNING.

O let me hear thy lovingkindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee is my trust: shew Thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies; for I flee unto Thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my God: let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

And of thy goodness slay mine enemies, and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am thy servant.

Ps. cxliii. 8–10, 12.

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn thy commandments.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. *Ps.* cxix. 35, 73.

Hold Thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. *Ps.* xvii. 5.

Evening.

O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to Thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.

And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments.

O Lord God, Thou art righteous: for we remain yet escaped as it is this day: behold we are before Thee in our trespasses, for we cannot stand before Thee because of this. *Ezra* ix. 6, 10, 15.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; but according to thy mercy think Thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

For thy Name's sake, O Lord, be merciful unto my sin, for it is great. *Ps.* xxv. 6, 10.

JANUARY 5.

Morning.

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest . . .

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

For we have not a High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find *grace to help in time of need.* *Heb.* iv. 1, 9, 11, 14-16.

That is grace sufficient for us in all our trials and temptations, and to enable us for the service of every day. Thus must we pray, and wait as humble pensioners at the throne of grace.

EVENING.

Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might; let not the rich man glory in his riches: but let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord, which exerciseth lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. *Jer.* ix. 23, 24.

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thy anger, lest Thou bring me to nothing. *Jer.* x. 23, 24.

'The way of man is not in himself,' let us therefore continually entreat Him to enable us still to walk in his ways, and to 'hold up our goings that we slip not.'

JANUARY 6.

MORNING.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him.

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.

Thou drewest near in the day I called upon Thee: thou saidst, Fear not.

O Lord, Thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul: Thou hast redeemed my life. *Lam.* iii. 22-26, 56-58.

EVENING.

The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers: let Him not leave us, nor forsake us.

That He may incline our hearts unto Him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which He commanded our fathers. . . .

That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God, and that there is none else.

Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes and to keep his commandments, as at this day. 1 *Kings* viii. 57, 58, 60, 61.

No human heart is of itself inclined to obey the call to repentance, faith, and newness of life, walking in all the commandments of the Lord. Lord, have mercy upon me, and *incline* my heart to keep thy laws.

JANUARY 7.

MORNING.

Blessed be Thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honour come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great and to give strength unto all.

Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise thy glorious name.

But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, and of thine own have we given Thee.

For we are strangers before Thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. 1 *Chron*. xxix. 10–15.

EVENING.

There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside Thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed.

The Lord killeth and maketh alive: He bringeth down to the grave and bringeth up.

The Lord maketh poor and maketh rich: He bringeth low and lifteth up.

He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall He thunder upon them: the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth. *1 Sam.* ii. 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10.

JANUARY 8.

MORNING.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord my God, and thy holy and glorious name is blessed and honourable for ever: let all thy works praise Thee for ever. *Tobit* iii. 11.

Blessed art Thou, O God of our Fathers, and blessed is thy holy and glorious name for ever: let the heavens bless Thee, and all thy creatures.

O God, Thou art worthy to be praised with all pure and holy praise; therefore let thy saints praise Thee with all thy creatures; and let all thine angels and thine elect praise Thee for ever. *Tobit* viii. 5, 15.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy name for ever and ever. *Ps.* cxlv. 21.

Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being I will sing praises unto my God. *Ps.* cxlvi. 1.

EVENING.

I beseech thee, O Lord God, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love Him and keep his commandments:

Let thine ear be attentive and thine eyes open, that Thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant.

We have dealt very corruptly against Thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments which Thou commandedst.

O Lord, I beseech Thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name; and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy.

Neh. i. 5–7, 11. (The Prayer of Nehemiah.)

In all our addresses to the great God of Heaven, we must remember his greatness and terrible majesty: that we may worship with reverence and godly fear, and in deep humiliation before Him.

JANUARY 9.

MORNING.

Go not far from me, O God: my God, haste Thee to help me.

My mouth shall daily talk of thy righteousness and salvation: for I know no end thereof.

I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God: and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now: therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

Thou hast brought me to great honour, and comforted me on every side.

Therefore will I praise Thee and thy faithfulness; O God, unto Thee will I sing.

My lips will be fain when I sing unto Thee; and so will my soul whom Thou hast delivered.

My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long; for they are confounded and brought to shame that seek to do me evil.

Ps. lxxi. 10, 13–15, 19–22.

Evening.

Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have promised to keep thy law.

I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart; O be merciful unto me according unto thy word.

I called my own ways to remembrance, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks to Thee, because of thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear Thee, and keep thy commandments.

The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: O teach me thy statutes.

O learn me true understanding and knowledge; for I have believed thy commandments.

Thou art good and gracious: O teach me thy statutes. *Ps.* cix. 57–68.

JANUARY 10.

MORNING.

Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to kill both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Fear ye not, therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. *St. Matt.* x. 28-38.

EVENING.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

And what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him? *St. Matt.* vii. 7-11.

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

JANUARY 11.

Morning.

I will cry unto God with my voice: even unto God will I cry with my voice, and He shall hearken unto me.

In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord.

When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God; when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

Will the Lord absent himself for ever? and will He be no more entreated?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever? and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? and will He shut up his lovingkindness in displeasure?

And I said, It is mine own infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most Highest.

I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind the wonders of old time.

I will think also of all thy works; and my talking shall be of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is holy; who is so great a God as our God? *Ps.* lxxvii. 1-13.

Evening.

Lord, how long wilt Thou be angry? shall thy jealousy burn like fire for ever?

O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon; for we are come to great misery.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for thy Name's sake.

So we, that are thy people and sheep of thy pasture, shall give Thee thanks for ever: and will alway be shewing forth thy praise from generation to generation. *Ps.* lxxix. 5, 8, 9.

Turn us again, O God; shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

O, Lord God of hosts; how long wilt Thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

O let us live, and we shall call upon thy name.

Ps. lxxx. 3, 4, 18.

JANUARY 12.

MORNING.

O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto Thee? thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side.

Thou rulest the raging of the sea; Thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; Thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.

Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in Thee: they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.

Their delight shall be daily in thy name: and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.

God is very greatly to be feared . . . . and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about Him.

Ps. lxxxix. 9–17.

I pray Thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know Thee: I beseech Thee shew me thy glory. *Exod.* xxxiii. 18.

EVENING.

There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death; and there is no discharge in that war: neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it. *Eccl.* viii. 8.

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. *Eccl.* xii. 14.

All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever. *Isai.* xl. 6, 8.

It shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God. *Eccl.* viii. 13.

JANUARY 13.

MORNING.

Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. *Eccl.* xii. 13.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. *Eccl.* xii. 1.

Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun:

But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all, yet let him remember the days of darkness, for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things, God will bring thee into judgment. *Eccl.* xi. 7-9.

Evening.

I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments.

We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments.

Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name . . . .

O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto Thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day, ... because we have sinned against Thee.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us.

Daniel's Prayer—Dan. ix. 4-10.

JANUARY 14.

Morning.

Behold I set before you this day a blessing and a curse:

A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day:

Deut. xi. 26, 27.

And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way, which I command you this day. . . . .

Take heed of yourself, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them.

And then the Lord's wrath be kindled against you. .

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments alway. *Deut.* xi. 24, 28, 16, 17, 1.

In infinite mercy, the Gospel sets before us a blessing and a curse; a blessing, if we obey the call to repentance, faith, and newness of life; but a curse if we neglect so great salvation.

EVENING.

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Thou art my hope, and my stronghold: my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. For thou, Lord, art my hope. *Ps.* xci. 1-9.

JANUARY 15.

MORNING.

Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red as crimson, they shall be as wool.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Therefore saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts, the mighty one of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of my adversaries, and avenge me of my enemies. *Isai.* i. 16–24.

EVENING.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness; and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

For he satisfieth the empty soul; and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death; being fast bound in misery and iron.

Because they rebelled against the words of the Lord; and lightly regarded the counsel of the most Highest;

He also brought down their heart through heaviness; they fell down, and there was none to help them.

So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble; he delivered them out of their distress.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men! *Ps.* cvii. 8-15.

JANUARY 16.

MORNING.

I am well pleased: that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;

That he hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and merciful: yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul: for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death: mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord: in the land of the living. *Ps.* cxvi. 1-9.

EVENING.

And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Sing unto the Lord, for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. *Isai.* xii. 1-5.

God is become our salvation, and when we rest all our hopes on this foundation, we may trust and not be afraid.

JANUARY 17.

MORNING.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you;

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

And if ye salute your brethren only, what do you more than others? do not even the publicans so?

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. *St. Matt.* v. 43-48.

Evening.

Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing; but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. *St. Matt.* vii. 13-21.

We must keep in mind the awful truth, 'Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, which leadeth to destruction, and many there be who go in thereat.'

JANUARY 18.

Morning.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire: hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man be justified.

I stretch forth my hands unto Thee: my soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake; and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. *Ps.* cxliii. 1, 2, 6, 7, 11.

Hold Thou me up and I shall be safe: yea, my delight shall ever be in thy statutes.

Order my steps in thy word: and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me. *Ps.* cxix. 117, 133.

EVENING.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.

For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreaded out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green: and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and *desperately wicked*: who can know it?

I the Lord search the heart, and try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed: save me, and I shall be saved: for Thou art my praise.

Be not a terror unto me; Thou art my hope in the day of evil. *Jer.* xvii. 7-10, 14, 17.

JANUARY 19.

MORNING.

And the Lord passed by before him (Moses), and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that *will by no means clear the guilty.*

And Moses made haste, and bowed his head towards the ground, and worshipped.

And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray Thee, go among us; for it is a stiffnecked people: and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance. *Exod.* xxxiv. 6-9.

Let no discouraged sinner despond, with the words of grace and truth sounding in his ears. Yet let none abuse such mercy, for God knows how to punish as well as pardon; to punish consistently with his mercy, as well as to pardon consistently with his justice and holiness.

EVENING.

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments. I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right: and that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort: according to thy word unto thy servant.

O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

O let my heart be sound in thy statutes: that I be not ashamed. *Ps.* cxix. 73, 75–77, 80.

The consideration that God made us, is here urged as an argument why he should not forsake nor reject us. It is also an acknowledgment of the service we owe to God, our Creator; the petition, 'give me understanding,' implies a confession of our inability to know his will, without his teaching; or to do it without his grace. We pray, therefore, that God would keep our hearts 'sound' in his statutes; that is, steadfast in grace and virtue: a prayer necessary for all men to use at all times, but more particularly in time of temptation. *Bishop Horne.*

JANUARY 20.

MORNING.

Blessed is the man whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

I will acknowledge my sin unto thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord: and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found:[1] but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side. *Ps.* xxxii. 1, 2, 5–8, 11.

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[1] That is in the acceptable time, in the day of salvation, that so they may be forgiven and preserved from

great and overwhelming calamities: from the fears of death and the terrors of judgment. *Horne.*

EVENING.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go: and I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding: whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee. *Ps.* xxxii. 9-10.

Many *sorrows* shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, *mercy* shall compass him about.

Ps. xxxii. 10. (Bible version).

They who are not to be reproved by gentler methods, must learn righteousness under the rod of affliction, in the school of the cross: and happy are they, if their '*sorrows*' may so turn to their advantage. But happier are they, who, led by the goodness of God to repentance and faith, enjoy the light and protection of '*mercy*.'

From *Bishop Horne's Commentary on the Psalms.*

JANUARY 21.

MORNING.

From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures; which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

2 *Tim.* iii. 15-17.

Ye shall lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul—and ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. *Deut.* xi. 18, 19.

Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. *St. John* v. 39.

Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. *James* i. 21, 22.

EVENING.

My soul cleaveth to the dust: O quicken thou me, according to thy word.

Make me to understand the way of thy commandments: and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

Take from me the way of lying: and cause thou me to make much of thy law.

I will run the way of thy commandments: when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.

I am thine, O save me: for I have sought thy commandments.

I have sworn, and am steadfastly purposed: to keep thy righteous judgments. *Ps.* cxix. 25, 27, 29, 32, 35, 37, 94, 106.

JANUARY 22.

MORNING.

God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. *St. John* iv. 24.

By him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in earth. *Col.* i. 16.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. *Ps.* xxxiii. 6.

In him we live and move and have our being. *Acts* xvii. 28.

Can any man hide himself in secret places, that I shall not see him? saith the Lord.

Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord. *Jer.* xxiii. 24.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord? Who is like unto thee? glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? *Exod.* xv. 11.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. *Isai.* vi. 3.

EVENING.

There is none righteous, no not one.

All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. *Rom.* iii. 10, 23.

Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. *Gal.* iii. 10.

The wages of sin is death. It is appointed unto men once to die, and after that the judgment. *Rom.* vi. 23.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow: for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. *Prov.* xxvii. 1.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? *Jer.* xvii. 9.

We are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves: but our sufficiency is of God. 2 *Cor.* iii. 5.

God be merciful to me a sinner. *St. Luke* xviii. 13.

JANUARY 23.

MORNING.

Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. *Job* xiv. 1, 2.

Thou turnest man to destruction: and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up: in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee: and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

So teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. *Ps.* xc. 3-8, 12.

EVENING.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

St. James i. 12-17.

JANUARY 24.

MORNING.

We beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that you abstain from fornication:

That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles[1] who know not God.

That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit.

1 *Thes.* iv. 1–8.

EVENING.

All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned everyone to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isai. liii. 5, 6.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us. *Gal.* iii. 13.

The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.

1 *John* i. 7.

He made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. 2 *Cor.* v, 21.

Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. *Titus* ii. 14.

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[1] Heathen.

JANUARY 25.

MORNING.

Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. *Isai.* lv. 3.

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature: he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. *St. Mark* xv. 16.

God commandeth all men everywhere to repent. *Acts* xvii. 30.

This is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another. 1 *John* iii. 23.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. *Heb.* xii. 14.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. *St. Matt.* vii. 21.

EVENING.

God hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained: whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. *Acts* xvii. 31.

The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

In flaming fire *taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

When he shall come to be glorified, and to be admired in all them that believe. *2 Thes.* i. 7-10.

We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be bad or good. *2 Cor.* v. 10.

JANUARY 26.

MORNING.

The Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

And before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats;

And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then shall the King say to them on his right, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

St. Matt. xxv. 31-46.

EVENING.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim. i. 15.*

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Cor. iv. 6.*

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, by the remission of their sins.

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness; and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *St. Luke i. 77-79.*

Jesus Christ hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. *2 Tim. i. 10.*

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. *2 Tim. i. 9.*

JANUARY 27.

MORNING.

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known before God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. *Phil.* iv. 6–13.

Evening.

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments.

For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thy heart:

So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord: neither be weary of his correction:

For whom the Lord loveth, he correcteth: even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. *Prov.* iii. 1–7, 11, 12.

JANUARY 28.

MORNING.

Be renewed in the spirit of your mind:

And put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

Be ye angry and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath.

Neither give place to the devil.

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. *Ephes.* iv. 23–27, 29–32.

EVENING.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

She (wisdom) is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared with her.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

She is a tree of life to them that lay hold on her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

My son, keep sound wisdom and discretion: let them not depart from thy eyes.

So shall they be life unto thy soul and grace to thy neck.

Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

When thou liest down thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. *Prov.* iii. 18–26.

JANUARY 29.

MORNING.

Your heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him.

And I say unto you, ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. *St. Luke* xi. 13, 9, 10.

Ye receive not because ye ask not. *St. James* iv. 2.

All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, *believing*, ye shall receive. *St. Matt.* xxi. 22.

Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do. If ye shall ask anything in my name, *I will do it.*

Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, *he will give it to you.*

Ask and ye shall receive. If ye ask anything according to his will, he heareth you.

St. John xiv. 13 and xvi. 23, 24.

EVENING.

The kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel. *St. Mark* i. 15.

God commandeth all men everywhere to repent.

Acts xvii. 30.

Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of. 2 *Cor.* vii. 10.

Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. *Ezek.* xviii. 30.

I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

And am no more worthy to be called thy son.

St. Luke xv. 18, 19.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

And he is the propitiation for our sins.

I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his Name's sake. 1 *John* ii. 1, 2, 12.

JANUARY 30.

MORNING.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. *Isai.* lv. 6–11.

EVENING.

And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me: for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God, over one sinner that repenteth.

St. Luke xv. 3–10.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *John* i. 9.

JANUARY 31.

MORNING.

Who is a liar, but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and Son.

Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

And this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even eternal life.*

And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. 1 *John* ii. 3–25, 28.

EVENING.

Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

He that committed sin is of the devil: for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

This is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. 1 *John* iii. 7–23.

FEBRUARY 1.

MORNING.

But of that day (Christ's second coming) and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels in heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not till the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Then shall two be in the field: the one shall be taken and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill: the one shall be taken and the other left. *Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.*

But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think *not* the Son of man cometh.

St. Matt. xxiv. 36-44.

EVENING.

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise and five foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil in them;

But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh: go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil: for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so: lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came: and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and *the door was shut.* Afterwards came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord open unto us; but he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor hour when the Son of man cometh. *St. Matt.* xxv. 1-13.

FEBRUARY 2.

MORNING.

Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?* Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation: of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of the Father with the holy angels. *St. Mark* viii. 34-38.

* Judge yourself, what hath a man profited, where is his gain, though he gain the whole world, if he lose his own soul? Our Saviour calls upon us (when he spoke these words) to look beyond the present moment, to see something on the further side of it, which only is worthy of the desires of the soul. O that we could begin to be serious, or persuaded to think on this!

EVENING.

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believ
that you receive them, and ye shall receive them.

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye hav
ought against any: that your Father also which is
heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye
not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heav
forgive your trespasses. *St. Mark* xi. 24,

Whatsoever we desire according to the will of G
we should, when we pray for it, confidently hope
receive, and go on with our duty as though we
received it. But if we would thus have confiden
prayer before a holy God, we must have an as
hope of his merciful forgiveness: in order to whic
must fully and heartily forgive all who have injur

Forgive us our trespasses, *as* we forgive them
trespass against us.

FEBRUARY 3.

MORNING.

And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the Commandments is . . . The Lord our God is one Lord. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, Thou hast said the truth: for there is one God: and there is none other but he: And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.

St. Mark xii. 28-34.

EVENING.

I say unto you, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them that despitefully use you. And as you would that men should do unto you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have you? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven. *S. Luke* vi. 27–37.

FEBRUARY 4.

MORNING.

And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the wayside: and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. *St. Luke* viii. 4–8.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. *St. Luke* xi. 28.

We should endeavour to hear the word of God, and keep it by faith and love in our hearts and by obedience in our lives: without this we cannot be blessed.

EVENING.

Now the parable is this (the parable of the Sower): The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are they that hear: then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy: and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns, are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares, and riches, and pleasures of this life, and *bring no fruit to perfection.* But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. *St. Luke* viii. 11-15.

Shewing the grace of God has indeed made your hearts 'honest and good,' and prepared to receive the good seed of his word: that it may take effectual root, and ripen to a glorious Harvest.

FEBRUARY 5.

MORNING.

Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed, hath power to cast into hell: yea, I say unto you, fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall also the Son of man confess before the angels of God. But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

St. Luke xii. 4-9.

If we are true believers, we are perfectly safe from any effect of man's enmity, which can prove hurtful. And while we realise the superintending providence of God over the meanest animal, we may be sure that even the very hairs of our head are numbered.

EVENING.

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? and he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater: and there will I bestow my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years: take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God. *St. Luke* xii. 15-21.

FEBRUARY 6.

MORNING.

Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us: and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are. Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and Thou hast taught in our streets. But He shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. *St. Luke* xiii. 24–28.

EVENING.

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue: for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

St. Luke xvi. 19-25.

The rich man in the parable is not accused of gross sin, but of wasting his substance in self-indulgence, and of neglect of the poor: in fact, of living for himself and not for God.

FEBRUARY 7.

MORNING.

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint: Saying, there was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city: and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of my adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man: yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

St. Luke xviii. 1-8.

EVENING.

Take heed to yourselves: if thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times a day turn to thee and say, I repent: thou shalt forgive him. *St. Luke* xvii. 3, 4.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. *St. Matt.* vi. 12, 14, 15.

Then came Peter unto him and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times, but, until seventy times seven. *St. Matt.* xviii. 21, 22.

FEBRUARY 8.

MORNING.

And behold two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David. And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David. And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him. *St. Matt.* xx. 30-34.

'However poor, ignorant, weak and sinful that man may be, who humbly seeks to Christ for help, the Lord will at length attend to him and answer his petitions: he will compassionate his sorrow, open his eyes, supply his wants, and forgive his sins.' 'He will be earnest in proportion as his applications are discouraged: he will, like these blind men, cry the more vehemently when man would require him to hold his peace.' And he will at last be rewarded for his perseverance and faith.

Scott's Bible.

EVENING.

Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed (at the judgment day). In that day, he which shall be on the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. . . I tell you, that in that night there shall be two men in one bed: the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding together: the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field: the one shall be taken and the other left.

St. Luke xvii. 30, 31, 34-36.

Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

But *grow in grace*, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *2 Peter* iii. 17, 18.

FEBRUARY 9.

MORNING.

When the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto them, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. *St. Matt.* xxii. 34–40.

Help me, O my God, to believe in Thee, to fear Thee, to love Thee with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength: to worship Thee, to give Thee thanks, to put my whole trust in Thee, to call upon Thee, to honour thy holy Name and thy Word, and to serve Thee truly all the days of my life. Help me also to love my neighbour as myself, and to do to all men as I would they should unto me.

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EVENING.

And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray: the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus within himself, God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes towards heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house, justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased: and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. *St. Luke* xviii. 9-14.

The humble prayer for mercy, by the contrite sinner, will at all times be heard and answered. It is not fine words and long prayers God needs, but the heartfelt cry for mercy.

FEBRUARY 10.

MORNING.

Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and the cares of this life, and so that day (the day of judgment) come upon you unawares. For *as a snare* shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. *St. Luke* xxi. 34-36.

Oh that they were wise, that they would understand this, that they would consider their latter end. *Deut.* xxxii. 29.

Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil. *Eccles.* xii. 14.

Be ye therefore ready also, for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. *St. Luke* xii. 40.

Evening.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth. *St. John* i. 1-14.

FEBRUARY 11.

Morning.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned; but *he that believeth not is condemned* already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. *St. John* iii. 16-21.

Whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

Evening.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him. *St. John* iii. 36.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. *Acts* xvi. 31.

Without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of all them that diligently seek him. *Heb.* xi. 6.

Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

Jesus Christ is the author and finisher of our faith. *Rom.* x. 17; *Heb.* xii. 2.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. *St. John* iii. 16.

Faith overcometh the world; Faith purifieth the heart; Faith worketh by love, and is careful to maintain good works. 1 *John* v. 4; *Acts* xv. 9; *Gal.* v. 6; *Titus* iii. 8.

FEBRUARY 12.

MORNING.

There was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth; and himself believed, and his whole house. *St. John* iv. 46-54.

EVENING.

Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked. *St. John v. 2-9.*

FEBRUARY 13.

MORNING.

Ponder my words, O Lord: consider my meditation.

O hearken unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God: for unto Thee will I make my prayer.

My voice shalt Thou hear betimes, O Lord: early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies: make thy way plain before my face. *Ps. v. 1-3, 8.*

My help cometh of God, who preserveth them that are true of heart.

God is a righteous judge, *strong* and *patient*: and *God is provoked every day.* *Ps. vii. 11, 12.*

What is man that Thou art mindful of him: and the son of man, that Thou visitest him? *Ps. viii. 4.*

As for me I am a worm, and no man: a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

But Thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: Thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts. *Ps. xxii. 6, 9.*

EVENING.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself: And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: *for the hour is coming*, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. *St. John* v. 24-29.

FEBRUARY 14.

MORNING.

When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes; but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down: and likewise of the fishes, as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. *St. John vi. 5-12.*

EVENING.

Be not afraid: only believe. *St. Mark v. 36.*

Acquaint now thyself with God, and be at peace thereby good shall come unto thee. *Job xxii. 21.*

Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, th people in whose heart is my law: fear ye not th reproach of men, neither be afraid of their revilings For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and t worm shall eat them like wool; but my righteousne shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation generation. *Isai. li. 7, 8*

And they that know thy name, will put their tru in Thee: for Thou, Lord, hast never failed them th seek Thee. The righteous cry, and the Lord heare them: and delivereth them out of all their trouble Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lor delivereth him out of them all. Though he fall, h shall not be cast away: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. *Ps. ix. 10; xxxiv. 17, 19; xxxvii. 24.*

FEBRUARY 15.

MORNING.

God created man to be immortal, and made him to be an image of his own eternity. Nevertheless, through envy of the devil came death into the world: and they that do hold of his side do find it. *Wisdom* ii. 23.

By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. *Rom.* v. 12.

It is appointed unto men once to die. *Heb.* ix. 27.

All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. *Isai.* xl. 6, 7.

For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. *James* iv. 14.

Oh that they were wise: that they understood this: that they would consider their latter end. *Deut.* xxxii. 29.

EVENING.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto Thee, in a time when Thou mayest be found. *Ps.* xxxii. 5, 6.

Teach me thy way, O Lord: and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. *Ps.* xxvii. 11.

Unto Thee do I lift up mine eyes, O Thou that dwelleth in the heavens. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, have mercy upon me. *Ps.* cxxiii. 1

Hide me under the shadow of thy wings, from th
wicked that oppress me. Ps. xvii. 8

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because o
mine enemies: make thy way straight before my face.
Ps. v. 8.

O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lea
me, let them bring me unto thy holy hill and to th
tabernacles. Ps. xliii. 3.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try out m
reins and my heart. For thy loving kindness is eve
before mine eyes: and *I will walk in thy truth.*
Ps. xxvi. 2, 3.

FEBRUARY 16.

Morning.

Godliness is profitable unto all things, having p
mise of the life that now is, and of that which i
come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of
acceptation. For therefore we both labour and s
reproach, because we trust in the living God, w
the Saviour of all men, specially of those that b
Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an ex
of the believers, in word, in conversation, in cha
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give thyself wholly to them: that thy profiti
appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and
doctrine; continue in them; for in doing
shalt both save thyself, and them that hear th

EVENING.

All things work together for good to them that love God. *Rom.* viii. 28.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee. *Isai.* xlviii. 22.

Behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me; to give to every man, according as his work shall be.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. *Rev.* xxii. 12. 14.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: they rest from their labours, and their works follow them. *Rev.* xiv. 13.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard; neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 *Cor.* ii. 9.

FEBRUARY 17.

MORNING.

Let us go on unto perfection; As he who hath called you is holy, so be ye also holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy. *Heb.* vi. 1; 1 *Pet.* i. 15, 16.

Let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. *Gal.* vi. 9.

Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. *Col.* iii. 2, 3.

Abide in me: as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine: no more can ye, except ye abide in me. *St. John* xv. 4.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit: so shall ye be my disciples. *St. John* xv. 8.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *St. Matt.* v. 16.

EVENING.

For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience towards God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults ye take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow in his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth., Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not: but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. 1 *Peter* ii. 19-25.

FEBRUARY 18.

MORNING.

Jesus seeing the multitudes, went up into a mountain; and when he was set, his disciples came unto him. And he opened his mouth, and taught them saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven. *St. Matt.* v. 1-12.

Evening.

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends: for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known to you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another.

St. John xv. 12-17.

FEBRUARY 19.

Morning.

And Jesus said unto his disciples, Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest, and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. *St. John* xiv. 1-6, 13, 14.

EVENING.

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not: and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. *St. James* i. 2-7, 12.

FEBRUARY 20.

MORNING.

The Spirit helpeth our infirmities: for we know not *what* we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit *tself* maketh intercession for us with groanings which annot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts noweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he aketh intercession for the saints according to the will God. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? all tribulation, or persecution, or distress, or famine, nakedness, or peril, or sword? I am persuaded that ither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor wers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor ight, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ sus our Lord. *Rom.* viii. 26, 27, 35, 38, 39.

EVENING.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his elp; and whose hope is in the Lord his God. *Ps.* cxlvi. 5.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not nto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him; and he shall direct thy paths. *Prov.* iii. 5, 6.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord: and he shall sustain thee. *Ps.* lv. 22.

Casting all your care upon him: for he careth for you. 1 *Pet.* v. 7.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord *Ps.* cxii. 7.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present he in trouble. *Ps. xlvi.*

Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will delive thee, and thou shalt glorify me. *Ps. l. 15.*

In my trouble I will call upon the Lord: and complain unto my God. So shall he hear my voice. . . and my complaint shall come before him: it shall enter even into his ears. *Ps. xviii. 5, 6.*

FEBRUARY 21.

MORNING.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. *Prov. ix. 10.*

Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and afte that have no more that they can do; *but fear him who, after he hath killed, hath power to cast into hell* *St. Luke xii. 4, 5.*

I, even I, am he that comforteth you; who art thou that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that dies, and o the son of man that shall be made as grass: And forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched fort the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth: am the Lord thy God, that divided the sea, whose wave roared: the Lord of Hosts is his name. *Isai. li. 12, 13, 15.*

Fear ye not me? saith the Lord: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for th bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it canno pass it? and though the waves thereof toss themselves yet can they not prevail: though they roar, yet can the not pass over it. *Jer. v. 22.*

EVENING.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. *1 John* ii. 15.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above: where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. *Col.* iii. 1, 2.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God. . . But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not once be named amongst you, as becometh saints: Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. *Ephes.* v. 1-5.

FEBRUARY 22.

MORNING.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother. For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. Walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: for their feet run to evil.

Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. *Prov. i. 7-15, 23.*

That thou mayest *walk in the way of good men*, and *keep the paths of the righteous.* For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. *But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth*, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it. *Prov. ii. 20-22.*

EVENING.

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that *they which do such things, shall not inherit the kingdom of God.* But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. *Gal. v. 16-23.*

FEBRUARY 23.

MORNING.

Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.

Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord.

Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, *but shall fear thy God*: I am the Lord. Ye shall keep my statutes ....

Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. *Lev.* xix. 2, 3, 11–14, 30.

Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God; I am the Lord which sanctify you. *Lev.* xx. 7.

EVENING.

If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

Then will I give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. I will walk among you and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments, And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant:

I also will do this unto you: I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart:

And I will set my face against you . . . .

And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sin.

Lev. xxvi. 3, 4, 12, 14-18.

FEBRUARY 24.

MORNING.

The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

One day telleth another: and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language: but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words into the ends of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun:

Which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Ps. xix. 1-6.

By their manifold and beneficial operations, as well as by their beauty and magnificence, 'the heavens declare the glory of God.' They point him out to us, by whom themselves and all other things were made, and are upholden; and who is the Author of every grace and blessing to the sons of men. *Horne.*

EVENING.

As I live, saith the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: *turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways: for why will ye die*, O house of Israel?

Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die: if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;

If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity: he shall surely live, he shall not die.

None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right: he shall surely live.

When the righteous turneth from his righteousness and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.

But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.

Ezek. xxxiii. 11, 14-19.

FEBRUARY 25.

MORNING.

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil: that put darkness for light, and light for darkness: that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.

Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, *and* prudent in their own sight.

Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against his people, and He hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them. *Isai.* v. 20-25.

EVENING.

For a small moment have I forsaken thee: but with great mercies will I gather thee.

In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment: but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. *Isai.* liv. 7, 8.

Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgressions of the remnant of his heritage? *He retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.*

He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

Mic. vii. 18, 19.

God will indeed correct and rebuke his people; but he will not cast them off: for he has promised never to leave, nor forsake them. And to all who really love and trust in him, his absence and frown are momentary, but his mercies and kindness are infinite and everlasting. *Scott's Bible.*

FEBRUARY 26.

MORNING.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. *Isai.* xxvi. 4.

Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.* For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, *which is the word of God*; Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit. *Ephes.* vi. 10-18.

EVENING.

To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers: that stretcheth out the heavens like a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: that bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. . . . . He shall blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble. To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number; He calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power. *Isai.* xl. 18-27.

FEBRUARY 27.

MORNING.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David: As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hands of all that hate us: To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant: The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies may *serve him without fear*, In *holiness* and *righteousness* before him, *all the days of our life*. And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the

Highest: for Thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways. To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, for the remission of their sins.

St. Luke i. 68–78.

EVENING.

And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent: that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Phil. i. 9–11.

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and *increasing in the knowledge* of *God*; strengthened with all might, according unto his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. *Col.* i. 10–14.

FEBRUARY 28.

MORNING.

Now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering an wantonness, not in strife and envying, But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. *Rom.* xiii. 11-14.

For now is the axe put unto the root of the trees: so that every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down and cast into the fire. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. For lo! the Lord is come out of his place, to visit the wickedness of such as dwell upon the earth. But who may abide the day of his coming? *Commination in Prayer Book.*

EVENING.

Take ye heed betime, while the day of salvation lasteth: for the night cometh when none can work: But let us, while we have the light, believe in the light; and walk as children of the light: that we be not cast into utter darkness, where is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us not abuse the goodness of God, who calleth us mercifully to amendment: and, of his endless pity, promiseth us forgiveness of all that which is past, if with a perfect and true heart we return unto him. For though your sins be as red as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow, And though they be like purple, yet they shall be made as white as wool. Turn ye, saith the Lord, from all your wickedness, and your sins shall not be your destruction. Cast away from you all your ungodliness that ye have done. Make you new hearts, and new spirits.

2 *Cor.* vi.; *St. John* ix.; *St. Matt.* xxv.; *Isai.* i.; *Ezek.* xviii.; *Commination.*

FEBRUARY 29.

MORNING.

keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanc-
the Lord. And if ye walk contrary unto
ll not hearken unto me: I will bring
nore plagues upon you, according to your
ye will not be reformed by me by these
will walk contrary unto me: Then will
ntrary unto you, and will punish you yet
or your sins. . . If they shall confess their
the iniquity of their fathers, with their
h they trespassed against me, and that also
lked contrary unto me; If then their un-
hearts be humbled, and they then accept
ment of their iniquity; Then will I re-
ovenant with Jacob, I will not cast them
will I abhor them to destroy them utterly,
ovenant with them, for I am the Lord their

Lev. xxvi. 2-44.

EVENING.

up mine eyes unto the hills from whence
elp. My help cometh even from the Lord,
de heaven and earth. He will not suffer
e moved, and he that keepeth thee will not
ld, he that keepeth Israel shall neither
sleep. The Lord himself is thy keeper,
hy defence upon thy right hand. So that
not burn thee by day, neither the moon
he Lord shall preserve thee from all evil,

yea it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The L
shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, f
this time forth for evermore. *Ps. c*

I have been left unto Thee ever since I was bo
Thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.
Ps. xxii.

O Lord, my God, great are the wondrous wo
which Thou hast done; like as be also thy thoughts whi
are to usward; and yet there is no man that ordere
them unto Thee. *Ps. xl.*

O send out thy light, and thy truth, that they m
lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill and to th
dwelling: and that I may go unto the altar of Go
even unto the God of my joy and gladness; and wi
my heart will I give thanks unto Thee, O God, my Go
Ps. xliii. 3,

MARCH 1.

MORNING.

ɜt your loins be girded about, and your lights
ıg; And ye yourselves like unto men who wait
ɜir lord, when he will return from the wedding;
hen he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto
mmediately. Blessed are those servants, whom
rd when he cometh shall find watching. . . And
shall come in the second watch, or come in the
ratch and find them so, blessed are those servants.
ıis know, that if the good man of the house had
what hour the thief would come, he would have
d, and not have suffered his house to be broken
h. Be ye therefore ready also; for the Son of
ɔmeth at an hour when ye think not.

St. Luke xii. 35–40.

EVENING.

rd, I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of

St. John xi. 27.

e Saviour of the world. *St. John* iv. 42.

ıe Resurrection and the Life; and he that believeth
ɜe, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

St. John xi. 25.

ıt without faith it is impossible to please him; for

he that cometh to God *must believe that he is*, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
Heb. xi. 6.

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shall be saved. Acts xvi. 31.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. Eph. i. 7.

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name, whosoever believeth on him, shall receive remission of sins. Acts x. 43.

Jesus cried and said: He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.
St. John xii. 44.

Whose denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father, but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. Let that, therefore, abide in you which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father, *and this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.* 1 St. John ii. 23-25.

MARCH 2.

MORNING.

A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard: and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this

tree, and find none : cut it down; why cumbereth it
e ground ? And he answering him, said, Lord, let it
lone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung
: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not then, after
hat, thou shalt cut it down.

Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I
ay unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be
ble. When once the master of the house is risen up,
nd hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand with-
ut, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open
nto us: and he shall answer and say unto you, I know
ou not whence ye are. *St. Luke* xiii. 6–9, 24.

There is none righteous, no, not one, there is none
hat understandeth, there is none that seeketh after
od. There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
here is no fear of God before their eyes. For all have
inned and come short of the glory of God.

Rom. iii. 10–12, 18, 23.

But God commendeth his love to us in that while
e were yet sinners, Christ died for us. *Rom.* v. 7.

EVENING.

Thou turnest man to destruction : again Thou sayest,
me again, ye children of men. For a thousand years
thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that it is past
a watch in the night. As soon as Thou scatterest
em they are even as a sleep, and fade away suddenly
e the grass. In the morning it is green and groweth
, but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and
thered. For we consume away in thy displeasure,
d are afraid of thy wrathful indignation. Thou hast
our misdeeds before Thee, and our secret sins in

the light of thy countenance. The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone. *So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

Ps. xc. 8–10, 12.

MARCH 3.

MORNING.

Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled. *God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in time of trouble.* Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed; and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled; though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

Ps. xlvi. 1, 2.

Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut the doors about thee: hide thyself, as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place, to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity.

Isai. xxvi. 20, 21.

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in Thee: and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until these calamities be overpast. *Ps. lvii. 1.*

EVENING.

ose and came to his Father. But when he
a great way off, his Father saw him, and had
n, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
St. Luke xv. 20.

ord is full of compassion and mercy; long
, *and of great goodness.* He will not alway be
neither keepeth he his anger for ever. He
dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us
to our wickednesses.
ook how high the heaven is in comparison of
: so great is his mercy towards them that fear
ok how wide also the east is from the west:
h he set our sins from us. *Yea, like as a father*
is children, so is the Lord merciful unto them
him. *Ps.* ciii. 8, 13.

arise and go to my Father, and will say unto
her, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy
d am no more worthy to be called thy son.
St. Luke xv. 18, 19.

MARCH 4.

MORNING.

one thing I do, forgetting those things which
nd, . . . I press toward the mark, for the prize
gh calling of God in Christ Jesus. *Phil.* iii. 13, 14.
w ye not, that they who run in a race, run all,
receiveth the prize. *So run, that ye may*

obtain, And every man that striveth for the mastery, is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, And let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus. *1 Cor.* ix. 24, 25; *Heb.* xii. 1, 2.

The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto his people, Blessed be God. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might, he increaseth strength. *Ps.* lxviii. 35; *Isai.* xl. 29.

EVENING.

O Lord, Thou hast searched me out and known me; Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; Thou understandest my thoughts afar off. Thou compasseth my path, and my lying down; and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but lo! O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it. *Ps.* cxxxix. 1, 4, 6.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. The ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings. *Prov.* xv. 3; v. 21.

God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men, is abominable in the sight of God. *St. Luke* xvi. 15.

The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect towards him. *2 Chron.* xvi. 9.

MARCH 5.

MORNING.

ord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither me in thy hot displeasure. Have mercy upon ord, for I am weak: O Lord, heal me, for my e vexed. Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: O for thy mercies' sake. For in death there is no ance of Thee: in the grave, who shall give Thee Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity, ord hath heard the voice of my weeping. The h heard my supplication, the Lord will receive er. Hear me when I call . . . . have mercy , and hearken unto my prayer. O Lord, my hee have I put my trust: save me from all that me, and deliver me. The Lord will be a de- the oppressed: *even a refuge in due time of*

vi. 1-9, &c.

EVENING.

end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore d watch unto prayer. 1 *Pet.* iv. 7.

little while is the light with you. Walk while he light, lest darkness come upon you: for he keth in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. have light, believe in the light: that ye may ildren of the light. These things spake Jesus. m come a light into the world, that whosoever in me should not abide in darkness. And if ar my words and believe not, I judge him not;

for I came not to judge the world, *but to save* the worl He that rejecteth me, and believeth not my words, ha One that judgeth him: the word that I have spoke the same shall judge him in the last day. For I ha not spoken of myself: but the Father which sent m he gave me a commandment what I should say, ar what I should speak. *St. John* xii. 44–49

MARCH 6.

MORNING.

And it shall come to pass, that *before they call will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I wi hear.* *Isai.* lxv. 24

Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise ca out. *St. John* vi. 37

Ye receive not, because ye ask not. *St. James* iv.

O hold Thou up my goings in thy paths: that m footsteps slip not. I have called upon Thee, O God, f Thou shalt hear me: incline thine ear unto me, a hearken unto my words. Keep me as the apple of eye: hide me under the shadow of thy wings fro the ungodly that trouble me: mine enemies comp me round about to take away my soul. *Ps.* xvii. 5, 6, 8,

For who is God but the Lord; or who hath a strength, except our God? It is God that girdeth m with strength: and maketh my way perfect. He teac eth my hands to fight. Thou shalt throw down mi enemies under me. *Ps.* xviii. 31, 32, 34,

EVENING.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken to you in proverbs: but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

Do ye now believe? These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. *St. John* xvi. 23–33.

MARCH 7.

MORNING.

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble: the name of the God of Jacob defend thee. Send thee help from the sanctuary: and strengthen thee out of Zion. Remember all thy offerings: and accept thy burnt sacrifice. Grant thee thy heart's desire: and fulfil all thy mind. We will rejoice in thy salvation: and triumph in the name of the Lord our God: The Lord perform all thy petitions. Now know I that the Lord helpeth his Anointed: and will hear him from his hol even with the wholesome strength of his ri Some put their trust in chariots, and some i but we will remember the name of the Lord They are brought down and fallen: but we and stand upright. *Save, Lord, and hear u of Heaven: when we call upon thee.*

EVENING.

Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a years as one day. The Lord is not slack conc promise, as some men count slackness; but *suffering to usward, not willing that an perish, but that* ALL *should come to repenta* the day of the Lord will come as a thief in t in the which the heavens shall pass away wi noise, and the elements shall melt with fer the earth also and the works therein shall up. Seeing then that all these things shall be what manner of persons ought ye to be in all versation and godliness, Looking for and hastin coming of the day of God, wherein the hea on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, accordi promise, look for new heavens and a new eart dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, belove that ye look for such things, be diligent th be found of him in peace, *without spot* and *b*

MARCH 8.

MORNING.

thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive and fight thou against them that fight against , them be confounded and put to shame that r my soul: let them be turned back and to confusion that imagine mischief for me. soul, be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in tion. Awake, and stand up to judge my and avenge thou my cause, my God and my 'hy mercy O Lord reacheth unto the heavens: 'aithfulness unto the clouds. The Lord shall ı man and beast. How excellent is thy mercy, and the children of men shall put their trust ɜ shadow of thy wings.

rith Thee is the well of life; and in thy light see light. *Ps.* xxxv. 1, 4, 9, 23, and xxxvi. 5, 7, 9.

EVENING.

ıpon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver l Thou shalt glorify me. *Ps.* l. 15.

thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sus- :. *Ps.* lv. 22.

gh your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as snow: though they be red like crimson, they as wool. *Isai.* i. 18.

ɔu afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not com- ehold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, thy foundations with sapphires. For a small have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my fac from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindne will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. *Isai.* liv. 2, 7, 8, 12.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just t forgive us our sins. 1 *John* i. 9.

MARCH 9.

MORNING.

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint: and to them that have no might, he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary: and the young men shall utterly fall: But they tha wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: the shall mount up with wings as eagles: they shall ru and not be weary: and they shall walk and not faint. *Isai.* xl. 28-31.

Therefore now, saith the Lord, *turn ye to me with al your heart:* and with fasting and with weeping an with mourning: And rend your heart and not you garments, and *turn unto the Lord your God, for he i gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of grea kindness,* and repenteth him of the evil. And it shal come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name o the Lord shall be delivered. *Joel* ii. 12, 13, 32.

EVENING.

ıd peace be multiplied unto you through
ge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According
e power hath given unto us all things that
life and godliness, through the knowledge
; hath *called us to glory and virtue:*
given unto us exceeding great and precious
ıat by these ye might be partakers of the
e, having escaped the corruption that is in
ırough lust. And beside this, giving all
d to your faith virtue; and to virtue know-
to knowledge temperance; and to temper-
ce; and to patience godliness; and to
ıtherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness
ɔr if these things be in you, and abound,
you that ye shall neither be barren nor
the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2 Peter i. 2-8.

MARCH 10.

MORNING.

ıee, O Lord, to deliver me: make haste to
Lord. As for me, I am poor and in misery:
ınto me, O God. Thou art my helper and
ı Lord, make no long tarrying. *Ps.* lxx. 1, 5, 6.
t far from me, for trouble is hard at hand:
none to help me. O my God, I cry in the
; Thou hearest not: and in the night season
no rest. But be not far from me, O Lord:

Thou art my succour, haste Thee to help me. My Go my God, look upon me: why hast Thou forsaken m and art so far from my health, and from the words o my complaint? Ps. xxii. 11, 2, 19, 1.

God invites us to go to him freely in all our troubles; he is not angry with us for telling him just what we feel. We may speak to him as we should hardly dare to speak to a fellow-creature, freely and openly, but with the deepest *reverence.*

EVENING.

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Ps. xxiii.

We shall not want or be without anything that is good for us if Jesus Christ be our Shepherd; he knows what is best, and he will give us what is best. He does so now. He will never leave us, nor forsake us.

MARCH 11.

MORNING.

We may boldly say, The Lord is my helper: and I ll not fear what man can do unto me. *Heb.* xiii. 6.

Behold I am with thee, and will keep thee in all aces whither thou goest, and will bring thee again ito this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have one that which I have spoken to thee of. *Gen.* xxviii. 15.

Be strong, and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord thy God, he it is that goeth with thee: he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. *Deut.* xxxi. 6.

I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. *Heb.* xiii. 5.

When my mother and father forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. *Ps.* xxvii. 12.

Lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. *St. Matt.* xxviii. 20.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. My peace I give unto you. *St. John* xiv. 18, 27.

EVENING.

Lord, what is man that Thou hast such respect unto him: or the son of man that Thou so regardest him? Man is like a thing of nought: his time passeth away like a shadow. I will magnify thee, O God, my king: and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I give thanks unto thee; and praise thy name for ever and ever. The Lord is gracious and merciful: longsuffering and of great goodness. The Lord is loving unto every man: and his mercy is over all his works. Thy mercy is greater than the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people; I will sing praises unto thee among the nations. As for me I will give great thanks unto the Lord with my mouth, and praise him among the multitude. Thou art my God and I will thank thee: Thou art my God and I will praise thee.

Ps. cxliv. 3, 4; *Ps.* cxlv. 1, 2, 8, 9; *Ps.* cviii. 3, 4; *Ps.* cix. 29; *Ps.* cxviii. 28.

MARCH 12.

MORNING.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed, and spiest out all my ways. For lo! there is not a word in my tongue, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether. Thou hast fashioned me behind and before: and laid thy hand upon me. For my reins are thine; Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well. My bones are not hid from thee, though I be made secretly and fashioned beneath in the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy Book were all my members written. Which day by day were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God; O how great is the sum of them!

Ps. cxxxix. 2-4, 12-17.

EVENING.

All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower ereof falleth away: but the *word* of the Lord ndureth for ever. And this is the *word* which by the ospel is preached unto you. 1 *Pet.* i. 24.

O think upon thy servant as concerning thy *word*: herein Thou hast caused me to put my trust. The ame is my comfort in my trouble: for thy *word* hath quickened me . . . O Lord, Thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant, according to thy *word*. Thy *word* is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my paths. I am troubled above measure; quicken me, O Lord, according to thy *word*. Thy *word* is true from everlasting . . . My heart standeth in awe of thy *word*.
Ps. cxix. 49, 50, 65, 105, 107, 160, 161.

Every *word* of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. *Prov.* xxx. 5.

MARCH 13.

MORNING.

Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness: he is merciful, loving, and righteous. A good man is merciful and lendeth, and will guide his words with discretion. For he shall never be moved: and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance. He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord. *Ps.* cxii. 4–7.

Nothing can deprive the good man of his felicity (his peace of mind), no tidings of calamity and destruction can shake his confidence in God: but he will hear the trump of judgment, and behold the world in flames rather with joy than dread, as knowing by these sign that the hour of his redemption is come. *Bishop Horne.*

Blessed are the dead, that die in the Lord.

EVENING.

So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble: and he delivered them from their distress. He led them forth by the right way: that they might go to the city where they dwelt. O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men! That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and tell out his works with gladness! *Ps. cvii. 6-8, 22.*

There is no spiritual evil out of which God is not able and willing to deliver us, when we call upon him. Are we ignorant of the way to the heavenly city? He will guide and conduct us there. Are we bound with the chains of sin and death? He will loose and deliver us. Are our minds diseased and languid? He will heal and invigorate them. Are we in danger of being overwhelmed by the troubles of the world? He will preserve us with the strength of his right hand.

MARCH 14.

MORNING.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy name, O most Highest. To tell of thy lovingkindness early in the morning and of thy truth in the night season. I laid me down and slept, and rose up again: for the Lord sustained me. My voice shalt Thou hear betimes, O Lord: early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up. Praise the Lord, O my soul, while I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God. O let me hear thy lovingkindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee is my trust: shew me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto Thee. Thou art my God: hear the voice of my prayers, O Lord. I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.

Ps. xcii. 1, 2; *Ps.* xxxv. 5, 8; *Ps.* cxlvi. 1; *Ps.* cxliii. 8.

EVENING.

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able: but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 *Cor.* x. 12, 13.

Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. 3 *John* 11.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God, abideth for ever.

1 *John* ii. 15–17.

MARCH 15.

MORNING.

Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks: yea unto Thee do we give thanks. *Ps. lxxv. 1.*

I will give thanks unto the Lord with my *whole* heart: I will speak of all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in Thee: yea, my songs will I make of thy name, O Thou most highest. *Ps. ix. 1, 2.*

I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength; The Lord is my strong rock and my defence: my Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will put my trust, my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge. I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised: so shall I be safe from mine enemies. *Ps. xviii. 1, 2.*

Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which Thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to usward, they cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee: if I would declare and speak of them they are more than can be numbered. *Ps. xl. 5. (Bible version.)*

Yet how little do we meditate on them: how seldom and how coldly do we praise God for them! *Horne.*

EVENING.

For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest shall ye be saved: in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. Therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry: when he shall hear it, he shall answer thee. And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand and when ye turn to the left.

Isai. xxx. 15-21.

MARCH 16.

MORNING.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast and repent. *If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come upon thee as a thief*, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. Because thou hast kept the words of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. *Behold I come quickly*: hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more and I will write upon him the name of my God.

Rev. iii. 2, 3, 5, 10

Evening.

Take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you things. In those days . . . . the sun shall be darke and the moon shall not give her light. And the s of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in hea shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son man coming in the clouds with great power and gl And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather gether his elect from the four winds, from the utterm part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven. of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but Father. *Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye kn not when the time is.* For the Son of man is as a taking a far journey, who left his house, and g authority to his servants, and to every man his wo and commanded the porter to watch. *Watch ye th fore: for ye know not when the master of the ho cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock crowi or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly, he f you sleeping. And what I say unto you, I say u all,* WATCH. St. Mark xiii. 2

MARCH 17.

Morning.

Delight thou in the Lord: and he shall give thy heart's desire. Commit thy way unto the Lo and put thy trust in him, and he shall bring it to

ld thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon
ı: but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth
sper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels:
ave off from wrath, and let go displeasure: fret not
yself, else wilt thou be moved to do evil. Wicked
ers shall be rooted out: and they that patiently abide
e Lord, those shall inherit the land. Yet a little
hile, and the ungodly shall be clean gone: thou shalt
ok after his place, and he shall be away. I went by,
d lo! he was gone: I sought him, but his place could
where be found. Keep innocency, and take heed unto
e thing that is right: for that shall bring a man
ace at the last. *Ps.* xxxvii. 4, 5, 7–10, 37, 38.

EVENING.

Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. he spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. *St. Mark* xiv. 38.

Lord, Thou knowest whereof we are made: that we re but dust. *Ps.* ciii. 14.

O my God! I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face unto Thee, my God; for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up into the heavens. *Ezra* ix. 6.

How many are my iniquities and my sins; make me to know my transgression and my sin. For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. *Job* xiii. 23.

Put me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger: neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure. For I will confess my wickedness: and be sorry for my sin.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God: be not far from me. For in Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: Thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God. *Ps.* xxxviii. 1, 21, 15.

MARCH 18.

MORNING.

Remember ye the words which were spoken b
of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: How
they told you there should be mockers in the last
who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. T
be they who separate themselves, sensual, having no
Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on
most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, *keep y*
selves in the love of God, looking for the merc
our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. . . . Now
him that is able to keep you from falling, an
present you faultless before the presence of his g
with exceeding joy, to the only wise God,
Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and po
both now and ever. Amen.

To them that are sanctified by God the Father,
preserved in Jesus Christ and called; mercy unto
and peace and love be multiplied. *St. Jude.* v. 1

EVENING.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: I
am poor and in misery. Preserve Thou my s
my God, save thy servant that putteth his t
in Thee. Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I will
daily upon Thee. Comfort the soul of thy servant
unto Thee, O, Lord, do I lift up my soul. *For T*
Lord, art good and gracious: and of great mercy
all them that call upon Thee. Give ear, Lord, unto
prayer: and ponder the voice of my humble des
In the time of my trouble I will call upon Thee;
Thou hearest me. Teach me thy way, O Lord, an

ll walk in thy truth: *O knit my heart unto Thee*, at I may fear thy name. For Thou art great and doest ndrous things: Thou art God alone. Among the ods there is none like unto Thee: there is not one that can do as Thou doest. *Ps.* lxxxvi. 1-12.

MARCH 19.

MORNING.

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God: nd every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth od. He that loveth not knoweth not God: for God s love. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, nd his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that e dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given s of his Spirit. God is love:* and he that dwelleth n love, dwelleth in God, and God in him. If a man y, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

1 *John* iv. 7, 8, 12, 13, 16, 20, 21.

* God hath so shewn himself to be love in his dealings with us, that, after all our sins, we cannot come short of eternal happiness, except through our unbelief and impenitent rebellion. *Scott's Bible.*

EVENING

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. . . He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar: because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God: that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that *if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us*: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired.

1 John v. 1, 10-15.

MARCH 20.

MORNING.

Unto Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul: my God I have put my trust in Thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me. For they that hope in Thee shall not be ashamed: but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion. Shew me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths. Lead me forth in thy truth, and teach me; for Thou art the God of my salvation: in Thee hath been my hope all the day long. Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and thy lovingkindnesses, which have been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth, but according to thy mercy think Thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness. For ıke, O Lord, be merciful unto my sin, for

Ps. xxv. 1-6, 10.

EVENING.

shew you a mystery: We shall not all
e shall all be changed, in a moment, in
; of an eye, at the last trump; for the
sound, and the dead shall be raised incor-
we shall be changed. For this corruptible
ncorruption, and this mortal must put on
So when this corruptible shall have put
ion, and this mortal shall have put on
then shall be brought to pass the saying
n, Death is swallowed up in victory. O
is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy
e sting of death is sin, and the strength
aw. But thanks be to God, which giveth
through our Lord Jesus Christ. There-
edfast, unmovable, always abounding in
he Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your
in vain in the Lord. 1 *Cor.* xv. 51-58.

MARCH 21.

MORNING.

slew them, they sought him, and they
l inquired early after God. And they
that God was their rock, and the high
leemer. Nevertheless they did but flatter
eir mouth, and they lied unto him with
, For their heart was not right with him:

neither were they stedfast in his covenant. *But* *being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity: a* *destroyed them not.* Yea many a time turned he l anger away: and did not stir up all his wrath. For l remembered that they were but flesh, a wind th passeth away, and cometh not again.

Ps. lxxviii. 34-40. (Bible version.)

God is full of compassion and mercy.—He r members that we are but flesh; poor, weak, sinf creatures.—The precious blood of Christ has bee shed for us, and he ever liveth to make intercessio for us.

EVENING.

And one of the malefactors which were hange railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyse and us. But the other answering rebuked him, sayin Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the sam condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we recei the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath do nothing amiss. And he saith unto Jesus, Lord, r member me when thou comest into thy kingdom. A Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-d shalt thou be with me in Paradise. *St. Luke* xxiii. 39-4

'What a promise! what a change! "To-day sh thou be with me in Paradise." How wonderful t grace that led this man to repentance, and accepted repentance so late! In the very act of dying for sinne Jesus saves this soul. When every hope seems gone, t sure and blessed hope is given. This dying m believed in Jesus, and was pardoned and saved.'

MARCH 22.

MORNING.

) Lord, have I put my trust: let me never
nfusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.
ine ear to me: make haste to deliver me.
my strong rock and house of defence: that
save me. For Thou art my strong rock and
Thou also my guide, and lead me for thy
Into thy hands I commend my spirit:
redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.
pon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble. . . .
faileth me because of mine iniquity.—
hath been in the Lord: I have said, Thou
My time is in thine hand, deliver me
nd of mine enemies: and from them that
e. Shew thy servant the light of thy
and save me for thy mercy's sake.

Ps. xxxi. 1–4, 6, 10, 12, 16–18.

EVENING.

ver ye shall ask in my name, *that will I*
Father may be glorified in the Son. *If*
anything in my name, I will do it. If
keep my commandments. And I will pray
and he shall give you another Comforter,
abide with you for ever; even the Spirit
om the world cannot receive, because it
t, neither knoweth him: for he dwelleth
nd shall be in you. I will not leave you
I will come to you. Yet a little while,
ld seeth me no more; but ye see me: be-
, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall

know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me. If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

St. John xiv. 12–23.

MARCH 23.

MORNING.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings: that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters (that is, let none by any crime, bring disgrace on his Master's cause, or give occasion to the enemies of the cross, to speak against the religion of Christ). Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed: but let him glorify God on this behalf. . . . And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. 1 *Pet.* iv. 12–19.

EVENING.

In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And
iah the prophet the son of Amos came unto him,
d said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine
use in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. Then
ezekiah turned his head to the wall, and prayed unto
e Lord, and said, Remember now, O Lord, I beseech
hee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with
perfect heart, and have done that which is good
n thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. Then came
he word of the Lord to Isaiah, saying, Go, and say to
Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy
Father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears:
ehold I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

Isai. xxxviii. 1–5.

God still hears prayer; and often, no doubt, delivers from death in answer to prayer.

MARCH 24.

MORNING.

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord *loveth* he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence; shall we not much rather be in subjection un the Father of Spirits, and live? For they, verily, f a few days chastened us after their own pleasure, but h for our profit, that we might be partakers of his hol ness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth t be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward i yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them that are exercised thereby. *Heb.* xii. 9, 11.

EVENING.

Then Job answered the Lord and said, I know that Thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from Thee. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge?* Therefore have I uttered that I understood not, things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. Hear, I beseech Thee, and I will speak: I will demand of Thee, and declare Thou unto me. I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth Thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes. *Job* xlii. 1-6.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin. *2 Chron.* vii. 14.

* This passage may be rendered thus, 'Well hast Thou asked (ch. xxxviii. 2) who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? For I have uttered that I understood not,' &c. Job confesses that he has spoken ignorantly, impatiently, and presumptuously, with regard to God and his dealings.

MARCH 25.

MORNING.

And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away (this was immediately after the five thousand had been fed). And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves; for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit: and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid. *St. Matt.* xiv. 22–27.

May we ever hear that same blessed voice, speaking these words of comfort and encouragement, whenever we are tempted to doubt or fear the power and willingness of Christ to help us!

EVENING.

Thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name: thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour. I will bring my sons from far, even every one that is called by my name, for I have

created him for my glory. Before me there
God formed, neither shall there be after n
even I, am the Lord; and beside me there
Saviour. *Isai. xl*

These words were first spoken to Israel, bu
apply to *us all*—to every humble believing Chri

MARCH 26.

MORNING.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and
his face to shine upon us. *Ps.* l

For this God is our God for ever and ever: h
be our guide unto death. *Ps.* xl

O spare me a little, that I may recover my str
before I go hence and be no more seen. *Ps.* xx

Save me, O God: for the waters are come ir
unto my soul. *Ps.*

Cast me not away in the time of old age: f
me not when my strength faileth me. *Ps.*

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God
strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. *Ps.* l

For Thou hast holden me by the right hand:

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and
that receive me with glory. *Ps.* lxxiii

Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto The
lift up my soul. *Ps.* lx

EVENING.

Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell: neith
Thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

t shew me the path of life: in thy presence
ness of joy; at thy right hand there are
evermore. *Ps.* xvi. 10, 11.

ugh I walk through the valley of the sha-
ι, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me:
thy staff comfort me. *Ps.* xxiii. 4.

ny soul and deliver me. *Ps.* xxv. 19.

l is my light and my salvation: whom then
? The Lord is the strength of my life: of
hall I be afraid? *Ps.* xxvii. 1.

hands I commend my spirit: for Thou
ed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.
Ps. xxxi. 5.

me not, O Lord my God: be not far from
hee to help me, O Lord God of my salva-
Ps. xxxiii. 21.

MARCH 27.

MORNING.

ι man had two sons: And the younger of
› his father, Father, give me the portion
t falleth unto me. And he divided unto
ng. And not many days after the younger
all together, and took his journey into a
nd there wasted his substance with riotous
l when he had spent all, there arose a
ne in that land: and he began to be in
he went and joined himself to a citizen of
; and he sent him into his fields to feed
he would fain have filled his belly with

the husks that the swine did eat: and no man g
unto him. And when he came to himself, he s
How many hired servants of my father's have br
enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger? I
arise and go to my father, and will say unto hi
Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before th
and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make
as one of thy hired servants. And he arose and ca
to his father. But *when he was yet a great way*
his father saw him and had compassion upon hi
and ran and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

St. Luke xv. 11,

EVENING.

Know ye not that they who run in a race, run a
but one receiveth the prize? *So run, that ye m*
obtain. And every man that striveth for the maste
is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain
corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I ther
fore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as o
that beateth the air. But I keep under my body, an
bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, whe
I have preached to others, I myself should be a cas
away. 1 Cor. ix. 24-

This one thing I do, forgetting those things whic
are behind, and reaching forth unto those thin
which are before, I press towards the mark for th
prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Phil. iii. 14

I am the Almighty God: walk before me, and
thou perfect. Gen. xvii.

So run, that ye may obtain. 1 Cor. ix.

MARCH 28.

MORNING.

Brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand: By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preach unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve; After that he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once: of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God.

1 *Cor.* xv. 1-9.

EVENING.

And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and saith unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a

great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye
fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And th
feared exceedingly, and said one to another, Wh
manner of man is this, that even the wind and the
obey him? St. Mark iv. 35-4

MARCH 29.

Morning.

The Lord Jesus the same night in which he w
betrayed took bread: And when he had given thank
he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, whic
is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. Afte
the same manner also he took the cup, when he ha
supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in m
blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembranc
of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drin
this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he com
Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drin
this cup of the Lord, *unworthily*, shall be guilty of th
body and blood of the Lord. *But let a man exami
himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink
that cup: For he that eateth and drinketh unworthi
eateth and drinketh damnation to himself*, not d
cerning the Lord's body. For this cause many a
weak and sickly among you, and many *sleep*.
1 Cor. xi. 23-3

Evening.

Now there cried a certain woman. . . unto Elis
saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and th
knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and t

is come to take unto him my two sons to be
n. And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do
? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And
d, Thine handmaid hath not anything in the
save a pot of oil. Then he said, go, borrow thee
abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels:
not a few. And when thou art come in, thou
ıut the door upon thee and thy sons, and shalt
ıt into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside
ıich is full. So she went from him, and shut
r upon her and her sons, who brought the vessels
; and she poured out. And it came to pass when
sels were full, she said unto her son, Bring me
essel. And he said, There is not a vessel more.
ıe oil stayed. Then she came and told the man
l. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy
nd live thou and thy children of the rest.

2 Kings iv. 1-7.

MARCH 30.

MORNING.

ɪewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the
Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and
hed with humility: for *God resisteth the proud,*
iveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves
re under the mighty hand of God, that he may
ou in due time: *Casting all your care upon*
for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant;
e your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion,
h about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom

resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the affictions are accomplished in your brethren, tha in the world. But the God of all grace, who called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, that ye have suffered a while, *make you perfect, lish, strengthen, settle you.* To him be glory dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 1 *Pet.* v

EVENING.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: bl is the man that trusteth in him. The angel o Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him: delivereth them. O fear the Lord, ye that ar saints: for they that fear him, lack nothing. The do lack and suffer hunger: but they that seek the shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Ps. xxxiv. 8, 7,

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; n for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not th more than meat, and the body than raiment? B the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither d reap, nor gather into barns: yet your heavenly F feedeth them. Are ye not much better than Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we what shall we drink, or wherewithal shall we be clo For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have of all these things. But seek ye first the kingd God, and his righteousness; *and all these things be added.* *St. Matt.* vi. 25, 26,

MARCH 31.

MORNING.

unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto mercy upon me, and hear me. O hide not ce from me: nor cast thy servant away in Thou hast been my succour: leave me forsake me, O God of my salvation. Teach , O God: and lead me in the right way, mine enemies. Unto Thee will I cry, O ength: think no scorn of me: lest if Thou ugh Thou hearest not, I become like them wn into the pit. Hear the voice of my tions, when I call unto Thee, when I hold s towards the mercy-seat of thy holy temple. not away, neither destroy me with the l wicked doers. Praised be the Lord, for rd the voice of my humble petitions.

Ps. xxvii. 8-18, and xxviii. 1-7.

EVENING.

in, departing from the coasts of Tyre and ame unto the sea of Galilee, through the coasts of Decapolis. And they bring unto t was deaf, and had an impediment in his l they beseech him to put his hand upon him. him aside from the multitude, and put his his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; g up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto atha, that is, Be opened. And straightway e opened, and the string of his tongue was he spake plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak. *St. Mark* vii. 31–37.

APRIL 1.

MORNING.

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the nsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners: hath not sat in the seat of the scornful. But his ight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law will exercise himself day and night. And he shall be a tree planted by the water-side: that will bring th his fruit in due season. His leaf also shall not her: and look, whatsoever he doeth it shall prosper. for the ungodly, it is not so with them: for they like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from face of the earth. Therefore the ungodly shall not able to stand in the judgment; neither the sinners the congregation of the righteous. But the Lord oweth the way of the righteous: and the way of the godly shall perish. *Ps.* i.

EVENING.

And thou shalt remember all the way which the ord thy God led thee . . . to humble thee and to rove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether ou wouldst keep his commandments or no. Thou alt also consider in thine heart, that as a man hasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth hee. Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of he Lord thy God, *to walk in his ways and to fear* him. *Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God* i not keeping his commandments and his judgments an his statutes. . . . Lest when thou hast eaten and art ful . . . then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget th Lord thy God. . . But thou shalt remember the Lor thy God. . . And it shall be, if thou do at all forge the Lord thy God . . . I testify against you this da that ye shall surely die. *Deut.* viii. 2, 5, 6, 11, 12, 18, 19.

APRIL 2.

MORNING.

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak: and hear O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shal drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, a the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the shower upon the grass: Because I will publish the name of th Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is th Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are judg ment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just a right is he. They have corrupted themselves . . they are a perverse and crooked generation. Do thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwis Is he not thy Father that hath bought thee? Hath not made thee and established thee? Remember t days of old, consider the years of many generations. *Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, a hast forgotten God that formed thee.* *Deut.* xxxii. 1-7, 1

EVENING.

The Lord is with you, while ye be with him: an if ye seek him, he will be found of you: but if ye fo

ke him, he will forsake you. When they in their rouble did turn unto the Lord God, and sought him, e was found of them. And they entered into a covenant, to seek the Lord God of their fathers, *with all their heart and with all their soul .... And he was found of them*: and the Lord gave them rest.
2 Chron. xv. 2, 4, 12, 15.

Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words .... and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes and weep before me: I have even heard thee, saith the Lord. *2 Chron.* xxxiv. 27.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer: and while they are speaking, I will hear.
Isai. lxv. 24.

Ask, and ye shall receive. If we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us. *St. Matt.* vii. 7; 1 *St. John*, v. 14.

APRIL 3.

MORNING.

If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away; and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot, yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear. Because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away. And thine age shall be clearer than the noon day: thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning. And thou shalt be secure because there is hope .... and thou shalt take thy rest in safety. Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid ....

But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape: and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost. *Job xi. 14-20.*

Trials may interrupt our happiness, but cannot destroy it: nay, they will tend to increase it. We shall become truly honourable and useful, and may at length lie down in the grave without fear, and bid an eternal farewell to pain and sorrow: just at that period, when the expectation and enjoyment of the ungodly shall eternally expire. 'For the wicked is driven away in his wickedness, but the righteous hath hope in his death.'

Evening.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill: and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause, shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the counsel: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Ye have heard it said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her in his heart. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. *St. Matt. v. 21, 22, 27, 28, 48.*

APRIL 4.

Morning.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief. Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved; but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once. A faithful man shall abound with blessings. He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife; but he that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat. He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool; but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered. He that giveth to the poor shall not lack; but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse. He that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. *Prov.* xxviii. 13, 14, 20–27; *Prov.* xxxix. 1.

EVENING.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight. . . . Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me. But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts, and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. O give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free Spirit. The sacrifice of God *is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.* *Ps.* li. 4–12, 17.

APRIL 5.

MORNING.

Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven, what canst thou do? deeper than hell, what canst thou know? The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him? For he knoweth vain men; he seeth wickedness also: will he not then consider it? For vain man would be wise: though man be born like a wild ass's colt.

Job xi. 7-12.

In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. Ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee, and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee. Or speak to the earth and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? *Job* xii. 10, 7-9.

EVENING.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord. . . . And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you, depart from me, ye that work iniquity. . . . And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, *and doeth them not*, shall be likened unto a foolish man which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that e : and it fell, and great was the fall of it. But soever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth n, I will liken him unto a wise man which built his se upon a rock. *St. Matt.* vii. 21-24, 26, 27.

APRIL 6.

MORNING.

A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes; and ye shall keep my judgments and do them. The Lord has spoken it, and I will do it. Thus saith the Lord God, I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Ezek. xxxvi. 26, 27, 37.

If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them, of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. *St. Matt.* xviii. 19, 20.

I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no saviour. *Isai.* xliii. 11.

EVENING.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever. Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be

established with grace. . . . For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief. *Heb.* **xiii. 9-17.**

APRIL 7.

MORNING.

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall *not* pass away. But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels that are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. *Watch ye therefore*, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning: *Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.* And what I say unto you, I say unto all, *Watch.* *St. Mark* xiii. 31-37.

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith: quit you like men, be strong. 1 *Cor.* xvi. 13.

EVENING.

ed are those that are undefiled in the way:
in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they
p his testimonies: and seek him with their
art. For they who do no wickedness, walk in
Thou hast charged that we should diligently
y commandments. *O that my ways were*
direct: that I might keep thy statutes. So
ot be confounded: while I have respect unto
ommandments: I will thank thee with an un-
eart: when I shall have learnt the judgments
ghteousness. I will keep thy statutes: O for-
not utterly. *Ps.* cxix. 1-8. (Bible version.)

ou ever with us, and forsake us not, or if at
, to try our faith, and to exercise our patience,
uldest depart from us and leave us to ourselves
e; short be thy absence, and speedy thy re-
forsake us not utterly. *Bp. Horne.*

APRIL 8.

MORNING.

being in Bethany, in the house of Simon the
he sat at meat there came a woman, having an
box of ointment of spikenard, very precious;
brake the box, and poured it on his head. And
re some that had indignation within them-
nd said, Why was this waste of the ointment
For it might have been sold for more than three

hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. A murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good w me. For ye have the poor with you always, and soever ye will, ye may do them good; but me y not always. She hath done what she could: come aforehand to anoint my body to the bu Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel sl preached throughout the whole world, this also th hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of he

St. Mark

EVENING.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his *even by ruling himself after thy word.* Wit whole heart have I sought thee: *O let me* n *wrong* out of thy commandments. Thy words l hid within my heart, that I should not sin a Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord: O teach n statutes. With my lips have I been telling, of judgments of thy mouth. I have had as great d in the way of thy testimonies, as in all man riches. I will talk of thy commandments, and respect unto thy ways. My delight shall be i statutes, *and I will not forget thy word.* *Ps.* cxi

The young man who would cleanse his way, an heed according to God's word, must lay up that w his heart, and God must rule in the heart by his and Spirit.

APRIL 9.

MORNING.

ɩnd a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good master, shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save that is God. Thou knowest the commandments, ɩot commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy ɩer. And he said, All these have I kept from my h up. Now when Jesus heard these things he said him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have ɩure in heaven: and come, follow me. And when ɩeard this, he was very sorrowful, for he was very And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, aid, How hardly shall they that have riches enter the kingdom of God! *St. Luke* xviii. 18-24.

EVENING.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I keep it unto the end. Give me understanding I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my ɩe heart. *Make me to go in the path of thy com- ɩdments*: for therein is my desire. Incline my t unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness. ɪrn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and ken Thou me in thy way. O stablish thy word in servant that I may fear Thee. Take away the ɩke that I am afraid of: for thy judgments are good. old my delight is in thy commandments: *O quicken in thy righteousness.* *Ps.* cxix. 33-40.

The Psalmist prayeth with confidence that God would finish the work that he had begun, by continually 'quickening and enlivening' him more and more through grace to finish his course 'in righteousness,' and to obtain that crown which is to be the reward of it.

Bp. Horne.

APRIL 10.

MORNING.

Great is the Lord and marvellous, worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness. All thy works praise Thee, O Lord: and thy saints give thanks unto Thee. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages. The Lord upholdeth all such as fall: and lifteth up all those that are down. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord: and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness. The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will help them. The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but scattereth abroad all the ungodly. *Ps.* cxlv. 3, 10, 13-20.

EVENING.

And it came to pass that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the wayside, begging; And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked meant. And they told him that Jesus of passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, Thou ıvid, have mercy on me. And they that went buked him that he should hold his peace: but so much the more, Thou son of David have me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him ught unto him: and when he was come near, him, saying, What wilt thou that I shall do ? and he said, Lord, that I may receive my ınd Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight, hath saved thee. And immediately he received and followed him, glorifying God, and all the ıen they saw it gave praise unto God.

St. Luke xviii. 35–43.

APRIL 11.

MORNING.

he Lord God will help me: therefore shall I nfounded: therefore have I set my face like a I know that I shall not be ashamed. He is justifieth me; who will contend with me? let together. Who is mine adversary? let him r to me. Behold, the Lord God will help me: that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax garment, the moth shall eat them up. Who is ou that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath ? *Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and m his God.* *Isai.* l. 7–11.

unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the or I am God, and there is none else. *Isai.* xlv. 22.

EVENING.

Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. *Rom.* xv. 4.

When thy word goeth forth, it giveth light and understanding unto the simple. *Ps.* cxix. 130.

Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them, And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be PERFECT, THROUGHLY *furnished unto all good works.*

2 *Tim.* iii. 14–17.

APRIL 12.

MORNING.

Thus saith the Lord. . . I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things. *Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker.* Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. *Shall the clay say unto him that fashioneth it, What makest thou?* or thy work, He hath no hands? Woe him that saith unto his father, What begettest ? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth ? s saith the Lord. . . I have made the earth, and ated man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

Isai. xlv. 5–12.

EVENING.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. *St. Luke* xi. 28.

Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. *St. James* i. 21.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand fast for ever. *Isai.* xl. 8.

For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. *Ps.* cxix. 89.

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. *St. John* xvii. 17.

Open Thou mine eyes, that I may see the wondrous things of thy law. *Ps.* cxix. 18.

It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. *St. Matt.* iv. 4.

I have esteemed the words of his mouth, more than my necessary food. *Job* xxiii. 12.

How sweet are thy words unto my taste; yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my paths.

Thy word is very pure: thy word is true from the beginning. *Ps.* cxix. 103, 105, 140.

APRIL 13.

MORNING.

For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver: I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another. Hearken unto me. . . I am the first: I also am the last. Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together. Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way thou shouldst go. O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea.

Isai. xlviii. 9-18.

EVENING.

If thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart, and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, if thou shalt turn unto the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (for the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee. The Lord he is God, there is none else beside him. *Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart,* that the Lord he is God, in heaven above, and in the earth beneath, there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes and his commandments, which I command this day: that it may go well with thee and with children after thee: and that thou mayest prolong days upon the earth. Return unto me, and I will rn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts.

Deut. iv. 39–40; *Mal.* iii. 7.

APRIL 14.

MORNING.

There remaineth a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest. *Heb.* iv. 9–11.

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. *Phil.* ii. 12, 13.

For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. *Eph.* ii. 8.

We believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we shall be saved. *Acts* xv. 11.

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: But *God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,* hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace ye are saved). *Eph.* ii. 1, 2, 4, 5.

EVENING.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Phil. ii. 6-11.*

Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance and forgiveness of sins. *Acts v. 31.*

APRIL 15.

MORNING.

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? *for ye are the temple of the living God*: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them: *and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.* Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And *will be a Father unto you*, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Al-

ing therefore these promises, let us cleanse
n all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, per-
ess in the fear of God.

2 Cor. vi. 14–18; *2 Cor.* vii. 1.

EVENING.

en Thou art to be feared: and who may
sight when Thou art angry? Thou art the
eth wonders: and hast declared thy power
people. Thou hast mightily delivered thy
e waters saw Thee, O God, the waters saw
ere afraid: the depths also were troubled.
poured out water, the air thundered, and
s went abroad. The voice of thy thunder
und about: the lightnings shone upon the
earth was moved and shook withal. Thy
e sea, and thy paths in the great waters,
steps are not known. Blessed be the Lord
which only doeth wondrous things. And
he name of his majesty for ever: and all
ll be filled with his majesty. Amen.

Ps. lxxvi. 7; lxxvii. 14–19; lxxii. 18, 19.

APRIL 16.

MORNING.

Lord God, art full of compassion and
suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.
then unto me, and have mercy upon me:
ength unto thy servant, and help the son of
aid. Shew some token upon me for good:

that they who hate me may see it and be ashame because Thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted m

Ps. lxxxvi. 15-1

O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day a night before Thee: O let my prayer enter into th presence, incline thine ear unto my calling. For m soul is full of trouble: and my life draweth nigh unt hell. I am so fast in prison that I cannot get forth. . . Lord, I have called daily upon Thee, I have stretche forth my hands unto Thee. Lord, why abhorre Thou my soul: and hidest Thou thy face from me?

Ps. lxxxviii. 1, 2, 3, 8, 14.

EVENING.

And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God o thy father, and *serve him with a perfect heart an with a willing mind; for the Lord searcheth al hearts*, and understandeth all the imaginations of th thoughts: *if thou seek him, he will be found of thee but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever* Be strong and of good courage: fear not, nor b dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will b with thee: he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

1 Chron. xxviii. 9 . . . 20.

Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shal find; knock and it shall be opened unto you.

St. Matt. vii. 7.

They that seek the Lord shall not want any goo thing. Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: hav mercy upon me, and answer me. When Thou saids Seek ye my face: my heart said unto thee, Thy fac Lord, will I seek. Ps. xxxiv. 10; xxvii. 7, 8

APRIL 17.

MORNING.

I laid me down and slept: I awaked, for the Lord stained me. *Ps.* iii.

Have I not remembered Thee on my bed: and ought upon Thee when I was waking? *Ps.* lxiii. 7.

Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and vening to praise Thee. *Ps.* lxv. 8.

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. *St. Mark* i. 35.

My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord: in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up. *Ps.* v. 3.

How precious are thy thoughts unto me, O God: how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake I am still with Thee. *Ps.* cxxxix. 17, 18.

Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning, for in Thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul unto Thee. *Ps.* cxliii. 8.

EVENING.

See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. Rejoice evermore.—*Pray without ceasing.* In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God, in Christ Jesus, concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. . . . Hold fast that which is good. *Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the*

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heavenly habitations, where the soul
in the Lord Jesus Christ enjoy perpet
And that, at the resurrection of t
admitted into the kingdom of glory,
and mediation of Jesus Christ. Am

APRIL 18.

MORNING.

Cause me to hear thy lovingkindne
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wherein I should walk: for I lift up my

It is of the Lord's mercy we are not
cause his

Let the free will offerings of my mouth please Thee, Lord: and teach me thy judgments. *Ps. cxix. 108.*

Early in the morning do I cry unto thee: for in y word is my trust. Hear my voice, O Lord, according to thy lovingkindness: quicken me according as hou art wont. Yea, unto Thee do I call: help me, ad I shall keep thy testimonies. *Ps. cxix. 2, 3, 5.*

EVENING.

He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, ad acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our aces from him: he was despised, and we esteemed im not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried ur sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him: and with his stripes we are healed.* All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned every one to his own way: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation, for he was cut off out of the land of the living, for the transgression of my people was he stricken and he made his grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death. *Isai. liii. 3-9.*

APRIL 19.

MORNING.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre: And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not: for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto *my Father and your Father*, unto *my God and your God.*

St. John xx. 11-17.

EVENING.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. *Rev.* iv. 11.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing. For Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation; and hast made us

ɔings and priests, and we shall reign on
d every creature which is in heaven and
d under the earth, and such as are in the
t are in them, heard I, saying, Blessing
d glory and power be unto him that
ɿe throne, and unto the Lamb for ever

Rev. v. 12, 9, 10, 13.

ɜst not day and night, saying, Holy, holy,
l Almighty, which was, and is, and is to

Rev. iv. 8.

;h an ear, let him hear what the Spirit
urches. *Rev.* iii. 22.

APRIL 20.

MORNING.

ɩuse I bow my knees unto the Father of
ɩs Christ, of whom the whole family in
rth is named, *That he would grant you,*
he riches of his glory, to be strengthened
y his Spirit in the inner man: That
lwell in your hearts by faith; that ye
and grounded in love, may be able to
rith all saints what is the breadth and
ːpth and height: And to know the love of
passeth knowledge, *that ye might be*
the fulness of God. Now unto him that
exceeding abundantly above all that we
according to the power that worketh in
be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus
l ages, world without end. Amen.

Eph. iii. 14-21.

EVENING.

O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth. Sing unto the Lord, and praise his name: be telling of his salvation from day to day. For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised: he is more to be feared than all gods. As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols: but it is the Lord that made the heavens. Glory and worship are before him: power and honour are in his sanctuary. *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.* Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is king: and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast, that it cannot be moved, and how that he shall judge the people righteously. For he cometh, for he cometh, to judge the earth: and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth. *Ps.* xcvi. 1, 2, 4–6, 9, 10, 13.

APRIL 21.

MORNING.

And Samuel called the people together unto the Lord, and said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you: and ye have this day *rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations*; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us. . . Samuel said to

. . . stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee word of God. Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and ed it upon his head, and said. . . *the Spirit of the d will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy, shalt be turned into another man.* . . and it was hat when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, *gave him another heart.* . . and the Spirit of God e upon him, and he prophesied among them, And e went with him a band of men whose hearts God touched. 1 *Sam.* x. 17–19; 1 *Sam.* ix. 27; 1 *Sam.* x. 1–26.

EVENING.

No servant can serve two masters: for either he hate the one and love the other, or else he will l to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot e God and mammon. *St. Luke* xvi. 13.

Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with your hearts: for consider how great things he hath e for you. And let us not be weary in well doing, in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. *Gal.* vi. 9.

Being confident of this very thing, that he who hath un a good work in you, will perform it unto the day Jesus Christ. *Phil.* i. 6.

Who will render unto every man according to his ds; to them, who by patient continuance in well ng, seek for glory and honour and immortality, *nal life.* *Rom.* ii. 6, 7.

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath at recompense of reward. For ye have need of ience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye ght receive the promise. *Heb.* x. 35, 36.

APRIL 22.

MORNING.

If ye will fear the Lord, and serve him, and ob his voice, and not rebel against the commandment the Lord, then shall both ye and also the king th reigneth over you continue following the Lord yo God. But if ye will not obey the voice of the Lor but rebel against the commandment of the Lord, the shall the hand of the Lord be against you. And all t people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants un the Lord thy God, that we die not . . . . And Samu said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all th wickedness: yet turn not aside from following t Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart; and tu not aside: for then should ye go after vain thing which cannot profit nor deliver: for they are vai For the Lord will not forsake his people for his gre name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to mal you his people. But if ye shall still do wickedly, shall be consumed. 1 Sam. xii. 14–2

EVENING.

And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase o faith. And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamore tree, B thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted the sea; and it should obey you. But which of yo having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will s unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, G and sit down to meat? And will not rather say un him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird th self, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; a d thou shalt eat and drink? Doth he thank vant because he did the things that were com- him? I trow not. So likewise ye, when ye ve done all those things which are commanded y, *We are unprofitable servants; we have done hich was our duty to do.* *St. Luke* xvii. 5–10.

APRIL 23.

MORNING.

ut Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was ith them when Jesus came. The other disciples fore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But id unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the of the nails, and put my fingers into the print of ails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not re. And after eight days again his disciples were n, and Thomas with them: Then came Jesus, the being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach thy finger, and behold my hands: and reach thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and *be aithless, but believing.* And Thomas answered aid unto him, *My Lord and my God.* Jesus saith him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou elieved. *Blessed are they that have not seen and ve believed.*

nd many other signs truly did Jesus, which are ritten, but these are written that ye might be- that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that ing ye might have life. *St. John* xx. 24–31.

EVENING.

Wherefore shall the heathen say: Where is now their God? As for our God, he is in heaven: he hath done whatsoever pleased him. All the whole heavens are the Lord's: the earth hath he given to the children of men. The dead praise not Thee, O Lord: neither all they that go down into silence. But we will praise the Lord: from this time forth, for ever more. *Ps. cxv. 2-16, 17, 18.*

The Lord is high above all heathen: and his glory above the heavens. Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high: and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth? *Ps. cxiii. 4, 5.*

What is man that Thou shouldst magnify him, that Thou shouldst set thy heart upon him, and that Thou shouldst visit him every morning, and try him every moment. *Job vii. 17, 18.*

I will remember thy name in the night: with my whole heart will I seek Thee. *Ps. cxix. 55.*

APRIL 24.

MORNING.

Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. *Lev. xxvi. 2.*

Hallow my Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God. *Ezek. xx. 20.*

Every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant, even them will

ing to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in y House of prayer; their burnt offerings and their crifices shall be accepted upon mine altar, for my House all be called a House of prayer for all people.
Isai. lvi. 2, 4, 7.

If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, *from ing thy pleasure on my holy day*: and call the abbath a delight; the holy of the Lord, honourable: ad shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor nding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own ords; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord: and will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the arth . . . for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
Isai. lviii. 13, 14.

EVENING.

Man that is born of woman is of few days and full f trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut own; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. Man dieth and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost: and where is he? His days are determined; the umber of his months are with Thee: Thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass. *Job* xiv. 1, 2, 5, 10.

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth, and mine age is as nothing before Thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that it is past as a watch in the night. As soon as Thou catterest them, they are even as a sleep, and fade way suddenly like the grass. *Ps.* xxxix. 4, 5; xc. 4, 5.

APRIL 25.

MORNING.

No man having put his hand to the plou *looking back*, is fit for the kingdom of God. If tinue in my word, then are ye my disciples Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liber continueth therein, *being not a forgetful heare doer of the word*; this man shall be blessed in h Therefore we ought to give the more earnest the things which we have heard, lest at any t should let them slip . . . Be not slothful, but f of them, who through faith and patience, inh promises. . . . Let us lay aside every weight, and which doth so easily beset us; and let us ru patience the race that is set before us, lookin Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. V the joy that was set before him, endured the despising the shame, and is set down at th hand of God.

St. Luke ix. 62; *St. John* viii. 31; *James* i. 2, 3; *Heb.* ii. 1; vi. 1

EVENING.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and not yet appear what we shall be: but we kn when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for see him as he is. And every one that hath this him, purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Bles the pure in heart: for they shall see God. But a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cann into the kingdom of God. That which is born flesh, is flesh: and that which is born of the S

Spirit. For they that are after the flesh, do mind the things of the flesh: but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded *is death*: but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap.

1 *John* iii. 2, 3; *Matt.* v. 8; *John* iii. 5, 6; *Rom.* viii. 5, 6; *Gal.* vi. 7.

APRIL 26.

MORNING.

We consume away in thy displeasure: and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation. Thou hast set our misdeeds before Thee: and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. For when Thou art angry, all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end as it were a tale that is told. The days of our age are threescore years and ten, and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years: yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow, so soon passeth it away and we are gone. *Ps.* xc. 7, 3, 9, 10.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in Thee. *Ps.* xxxix. 8.

I have sinned: what shall I do unto Thee, O Thou preserver of men? *Job* vii. 20.

I will confess my wickedness and be sorry for my sin. *Ps.* xxxviii. 16.

I said, I will take heed that I offend not in my tongue. Keep innocency, and take heed to the thing that is right: *for that shall bring a man peace at the last.* *Ps.* xxxvii. 38, and xxxix. 1.

EVENING.

When Thou with rebukes dost chasten man
Thou makest his beauty to consume away lik
were a moth fretting a garment: every man ther
but vanity. *Ps.* x

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disq
himself in vain: he heapeth up riches, and cann
who shall gather them.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ear
der my calling: hold not thy peace at my tears.
am a stranger with Thee and a sojourner, as
fathers were. O spare me a little that I may
my strength: before I go hence and be no more
Ps. xxxix.

For Thou art the God of my strength. *P*

Lord be merciful unto me: heal my soul, for
sinned against Thee.

O remember not against us our former ini
let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us. *Ps.*

Deal bountifully with thy servant: that I n
and keep thy word. *Ps.*

APRIL 27.

MORNING.

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth:
Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brou
children, and they have rebelled against me.
knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's cr
Israel doth not know, my people doth not c

Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, neither mollified with ointment. *Isai.* i. 2–6.

EVENING.

Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes: cease to do evil; learn to do well: seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isai. i. 16–18.

Are not these words applicable to us? Have we not been tenderly 'brought up' by God, and have we not rebelled against him? Have we not been more heedless of his goodness, and more ungrateful than the dumb animals, 'the ox and the ass'? Are we not 'laden with iniquity,' 'a seed of evil doers,' 'children that are corrupters,' forsaking the Lord, and provoking the Holy One to anger?

APRIL 28.

MORNING.

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. on the new man, which after God is created i eousness and true holiness. Wherefore puttin lying, speak every man truth with his neighbo we are members one of another. Be ye angry, not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath; give place to the devil; Let him that stole, s more: but rather let him labour, working w hands the thing which is good, that he may give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt comm tion proceed out of your mouth, but that which to the use of edifying, that it may minister gra the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit whereby ye are sealed unto the day of rede Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and c and evil speaking, be put away from you, w malice: And be ye kind one to another, tender-h forgiving one another, even as God for Christ hath forgiven you. *Eph.*

EVENING.

I will give thanks unto the Lord with m heart: secretly among the faithful and in the gation. The works of the Lord are great: sou of all them that have pleasure therein. His worthy to be praised and had in honour: and hi eousness endureth for ever. *The merciful and g Lord hath so done his marvellous works: th ought to be had in remembrance.* He hath giv ı that fear him: he shall ever be mindful of ıant. He sent redemption unto his people: commanded his covenant for ever: holy and is his Name. The fear of the Lord is the g of wisdom: a good understanding have all , do thereafter: the praise of it endureth for

Ps. cxi. 1-10.

fear of God is the first step to salvation, as h a sinner to depart from evil and to do good, re pardon and to sue for grace. *Bishop Horne.*

APRIL 29.

MORNING.

d, Thou art my God, early will I seek Thee.
I not remembered Thee on my bed, and
upon Thee when I was waking? *Ps.* lxiii. 1,7.
l me down and slept, and rose up again: for
sustained me. *Ps.* iii. 5.
is man that Thou shouldst magnify him?
Thou shouldst visit him every morning, and
very moment? *Job* vii. 17, 18.
look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God
lvation. My God will hear me. *Mic.* vii. 7.
shalt guide me with thy counsel; and after
ve me into glory. *Ps.* lxxiii. 23.
a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,
sing praises unto thy name, O thou most
to tell of thy lovingkindness early in the
and of thy truth in the night season. *Ps.* xcii. 1, 2.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee: art my God and I will praise Thee. *Ps. cx*

For Thou, Lord, art good and gracious: a great mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. *Ps. lx*

EVENING.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power: ye his wisdom is infinite. *Ps. cx*

He revealeth the deep and secret things: he kn what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth in *Dan*

Neither is there any creature that is not manif his sight: *but all things are naked and opened the eyes of him with whom we have to do.* *Heb.*

O Lord, thou hast searched me out and know Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising: understandest my thoughts long before. Thou art my path, and about my bed, and spiest out all my For there is not a word in my tongue, but Thou, knowest it altogether. *Ps. cxxx*

Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places, shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill h and earth? saith the Lord. *Jer. xxiii*

APRIL 30.

MORNING.

O Lord God of Israel, who dwellest betwe cherubims. Before the mountains were brought or ever Thou hadst formed the earth or the worl from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

hy hand is there not power and might, so that none is ble to withstand Thee? I know that Thou canst do verything, and that no thought of thine can be hindered. And with God nothing shall be impossible. Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and earth, in the seas, and in all deep places. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, *the Almighty.* I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour. Yea, before the day was, I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it? Who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered? *2 Kings* xix. 15; *Ps.* xl. 2; *2 Chron.* xxvi. 6; *Job* xlviii. 2; *Luke* i. 37; *Ps.* cxxxv. 6; *Rev.* i. 8; *Isai.* xliii. 11, 13; *Lam.* iii. 37; *Job* xxxiv. 29; *Job* ix. 4.

EVENING.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. And humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may xalt you in due time. Forasmuch as there is none like nto Thee, O Lord: Thou art great, and thy name is reat in might. Who would not fear Thee, O King of ations? For to Thee doth it appertain. Thou, even Thou, art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight hen Thou art angry? *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.* Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might, in God have I ut my trust, I will not be afraid what man can do nto me. For if God be for us, who can be against us? lessed be the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting to verlasting. *James* iv. 7; 1 *Pet.* v. 6; *Jer.* x. 6, 7; *Ps.* lxxvi. 7; *Isai.* xxvi. 34; *Eph.* vi. 10; *Ps.* lvi. 11; *Rom.* viii. 13; *Ps.* cvi. 48.

MAY 1.

Morning.

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shal father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteou of the righteous shall be upon him. But if the w will turn from all his sins that he hath committed keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawfu right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. Al transgressions that he hath committed, they shal be mentioned unto him; in his righteousness th hath done he shall live. Have I any pleasure a that the wicked should die, saith the Lord God? not that he should return from his ways and live? when the righteous turneth away from his right ness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth accordi all the abominations the wicked man doeth, sha live? All his righteousness that he hath done not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath passed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them he die. *Ezek. xviii.*

Evening.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, whence cometh my help. My help cometh of the who made heaven and earth. He will not suffe

› be moved: He that keepeth thee will not r. The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite y day: nor the moon by night. The Lord shall ve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. ord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming om this time forth for evermore. He that th in the secret place of the Most High shall under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of ord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, ı will I trust. The Lord is my light and my sal-: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength life: of whom then shall I be afraid?

Ps. cxxi.; xci. 1, 2; xxvii. 1.

MAY 2.

MORNING.

here is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord g upon his throne. . . . The fear of the Lord is ır and glory, and gladness, and a crown of rejoic- The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart, and h joy and gladness, and a long life. Whoso feareth ord, it shall go well with him at the last, and he find favour in the day of his death. To fear the is the beginning of wisdom. . . . To fear the is fulness of wisdom, and filleth men with her . The fear of the Lord is a crown of wisdom, ıg peace and perfect health to flourish: both are the gifts of God, and it enlargeth their rejoicing that love him. The root of wisdom is to the Lord, and the branches thereof are long life. fear of the Lord driveth away sins; and where i present it turneth away wrath. Ye that fear the L hope for good and for everlasting mercy.

Ecclus. i. 8, 11-14, 16, 18, 20, 21; i

EVENING.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: fc am poor and in misery. Preserve Thou my soul, fc am holy: my God, save thy servant that putteth trust in Thee. Be merciful unto me, O Lord: fo will call daily upon Thee. Comfort the soul of t servant: for unto Thee do I lift up my soul. For Th Lord, art good and gracious: and of great mercy to them that call upon Thee. Give ear, Lord, unto r prayer: and ponder the voice of my humble desir In the time of my trouble will I call upon Thee: f Thou hearest me. Among the gods there is none li unto Thee, O Lord: there is not one that can do Thou doest. For Thou art great and doest wondr things: Thou art God alone. Teach me thy way, Lord, and I will walk in thy truth: O knit my he unto Thee that I may fear thy name. Thou, O L God, art full of compassion and mercy: longsufferi plenteous in goodness and truth. O turn Thee th unto me and have mercy upon me. *Ps.* lxxxvi. 1-

MAY 3.

MORNING.

us speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Execute
udgment, and shew mercy and compassion
man to his brother: And oppress not the widows
e fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let
of you imagine evil against his brother in your
But they refused to hearken and pulled away
oulder, and stopped their ears, that they should
ear. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant
, lest they should hear the law, and the words
the Lord of hosts hath sent in his Spirit by the
r prophets: therefore came a great wrath from
ord of hosts. *Therefore it is come to pass that as*
ied, and they would not hear; so they cried and
uld not hear, saith the Lord of hosts: but I scat-
them with a whirlwind among all the nations,
they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after
, that no man passed through, nor returned; for
laid the pleasant land desolate. *Zech.* vii. 9, 14.

EVENING.

race and peace be multiplied unto you through the
ledge of God, and of Jesus, our Lord. According
divine power hath given unto us all things that
in unto life and godliness, through the knowledge
m who hath *called us to glory and virtue;*
by are given unto us exceeding great and pre-
promises: that by these ye might be partakers of
ivine nature, having escaped the corruption that
he world through lust. And beside this, giving

all diligence, add to your faith virtue: and to virtue knowledge: and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity; For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Pet. i. 5-8.

MAY 4.

MORNING.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 St. John i. 8-10.

Although we have sinned, yet have we an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins. For he was wounded for our offences, and smitten for our wickedness. Let us therefore return unto him, who is the merciful receiver of all true penitent sinners, assuring ourselves that he is ready to receive us, and most willing to pardon us, if we come unto him with faithful repentance, if we submit ourselves unto him, and from henceforth walk in his ways.

Commination in Prayer Book.

EVENING.

Lord I call upon Thee, haste Thee unto me: and consider my voice when I cry unto Thee. Let my

, forth in thy sight as the incense: and let
p of my hands be an evening sacrifice. Set
ord, before my mouth, and keep the door
O let not my heart be inclined to any evil
ie not be occupied in ungodly works with
t work wickedness. Mine eyes look unto
l God: in Thee is my trust, O cast not out
Ps. cxli. 1-4, 9.

me down and take my rest: for it is Thou,
hat makest me dwell in safety. *Ps.* iv. 9.

me, O God, for in Thee have I put my
l thank the Lord for giving me warning:
chasten me in the night season. *Ps.* xvi. 1, 8.

: I will call upon God: and he shall save
Ps. lv. 17.

MAY 5.

MORNING.

s a certain rich man, which was clothed in
fine linen, and fared sumptuously every
ere was a certain beggar named Lazarus,
aid at his gate full of sores, and desiring
h the crumbs which fell from the rich man's
over, the dogs came and licked his sores.
e to pass that the beggar died, and was
he angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich
d and was buried; and in hell he lifted up
ig in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off,
in his bosom. And he cried and said,

Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that they who would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. *St. Luke* xvi. 19-26.

EVENING.

Brethren, be not weary in well doing. 2 *Thess.* iii. 13.

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings; that ye may be *blameless* and *harmless*, the *sons of God*, *without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;* holding forth the word of life: that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so, as ye have us for an ensample. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the Cross of Christ. *Whose end is destruction*, whose god is their belly, whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things. *Phil.* ii. 12-16; iii. 17-19.

MAY 6.

MORNING.

nd it came to pass as he went to Jerusalem, that
assed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.
as he entered into a certain village, there met him
men that were lepers, which stood afar off: and
y lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have
rcy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto
m, Go, shew yourselves unto the priests. And it
me to pass that as they went they were cleansed.
d one of them, when he saw that he was healed,
rned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and
ll down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks;
d he was a Samaritan: And Jesus answering, said,
Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?
There are not found, that return to give glory to God,
ave this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go
hy way: *thy faith hath made thee whole.*

St. Luke xvii. 11-19.

All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer,
LIEVING, *ye shall receive.* *St. Matt.* xxi. 22.

EVENING.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord: for all the
enefits that he hath done unto me? I will receive the
up of salvation: and will call upon the name of the
Lord. I will pay my vows now in the presence of all
is people: right dear in the sight of the Lord is the
eath of his saints. Behold, O Lord, how that I am
hy servant; and the son of thy handmaid: Thou hast
roken my bonds in sunder. I will offer to Thee the
crifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the name

of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people: in the courts of the Lord's House, even in the midst of Thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord. Ps. cxvi. 11-18.

I will always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth. Ps. xxxiv. 1.

I have been left unto Thee ever since I was born: Thou art my God even from my mother's womb. Ps. xxii. 10.

MAY 7.

MORNING.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you. . . . These things I command you, that ye love one another. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you. *St. John* x. 11, 14, 15; xv. 13-15, 17-20.

EVENING.

erefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is ›sus. *Endure hardness as a good soldier of st.* Study to shew thyself approved unto kman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly ıe word of truth. Flee also youthful lusts; ighteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them . the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish ıed questions avoid, knowing that they do fes. And the servant of the Lord must not ›e gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, ; instructing those that oppose themselves; ıdventure, will give them repentance to the ment of the truth. Be thou an example ʼers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in .th, in purity. 2 *Tim.* ii. 1, 3, 15, 22-25; 1 *Tim.* iv 12.

MAY 8.

MORNING.

work the works of him that sent me while it ›re I go whence I shall not return, even to darkness and the shadow of death: A land , as darkness itself; and of the shadow of ›ut any order, and where the light is as *The night cometh when no man can work.* ıoweth not his time: as the fishes that are evil net, and as the birds that are caught so are the sons of men snared in an evil it falleth suddenly upon them. He said, I ny soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up, for many years, take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said, Thou fool: this night thy soul shall be required of thee, then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided? O God, thou knowest my foolishness, and my sins are not hid from Thee. Remember, I beseech Thee, that Thou hast made me as the clay: and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

St. John ix. 4; *Job* x. 21, 22; *Eccles.* ix. 12; *St. Luke* xii. 19; *Ps.* lxix. 5; *Job* x. 9.

EVENING.

I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause. Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him. For he hath said, 'I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.' So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. The Lord killeth and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave and bringeth up. God is our God for ever: he will be our guide unto death. What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him, against that day.

Job x. 9; v. 8; xiii. 15; *Heb.* xiii. 5; 1 *Sam.* ii. 6; *Ps.* xlviii. 14; lvi. 3; xxiii. 4; 2 *Tim.* i. 12.

MAY 9.

MORNING.

All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, because the Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it:

people is grass. In the morning it is green
eth up; but in the evening it is cut down,
and withered. For what is your life? it is
pour that appeareth for a little time, and then
ı away. O that they were wise, that they would
ıd this, that they would consider their latter
uly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it
e eyes to behold the sun; but if a man live
ars and rejoice in them all, yet let him
r the days of darkness, for they shall be many.
cometh is vanity. Rejoice, O young man, in
h, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of
h, and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in
t of thine eyes: but know thou that for all
ngs God will bring thee to judgment.

Isai. xl. 6; *Deut.* xxxii. 29; *Eccles.* xi. 7–9.

EVENING.

day of the Lord will come as a thief in the
n the which the heavens shall pass away with a
ise, and the elements shall melt with fervent
he earth also and the works that are therein
burned up. *Watch, therefore, for ye know not*
UR your Lord doth come. At midnight there
ry made, behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye
meet him. And the bridegroom came; and
t were ready went in with him to the marriage,
door was shut. Afterward came also the other
saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us. But he
l and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you
s *ye therefore ready.* And take heed to yourst
at any time your hearts be overcharged with
g and drunkenness and cares of this life, and so
come upon you unawares.

2 *Pet.* iii. 10; *Matt.* xxiv. 42; xxv. 6, 10, 11; *Luke* xii. 40; xxi. 34.

MAY 10.

MORNING.

An offering of a free heart will I give Tl praise thy name, O Lord: because it is so coml Every day will I give thanks unto Thee: and pr name for ever and ever. I will thank my God my heart: and will praise thy name for evermor great is thy mercy towards us: for thy mercy is than the heavens, and thy truth reacheth u clouds. Whom have I in heaven but Thee? an is none upon earth that I desire in comparison c Through Thee have I been holden up ever sinc born: Thou art he that took me out of my n womb: my praise shall be always of Thee. Th brought me to great honour: and comforted every side. O let my mouth be filled with thy that I may sing of thy glory and honour all t long. *Ps.* cxlv. 2; cviii. 4; lxxiii. 24; l

EVENING.

O Lord my God, Thou art very great: Tl clothed with honour and majesty. Thou, even art Lord alone: Thou hast made heaven, the hea heavens with all their host, the earth, and all that are therein; the seas and all that are there Thou preservest them all: and the host of heav shippeth Thee. God the Lord (is) He that crea heavens and stretched them out: He that sprea the earth, and that which cometh out of it. I giveth breath to the people upon it, and spirit t that walk therein. *O Lord, Thou art our I* re *the clay and Thou art the potter, and we are he work of thy hand.* In whose hand is the soul ery living thing and the breath of all mankind. ere a God beside me? Yea, there is no God. I w not any. *Ps.* xiv. 1; *Neh.* ix. 6; *Isai.* xliii. 5; xliv. 8; *Job* xii. 10.

MAY 11.

MORNING.

And thou, my son, know thou the God of thy ther, and serve him with a perfect heart, and with willing mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and nderstandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts. hough a sinner do evil an hundred times and his ays be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall e *well with them that fear God, but it shall not* e *well with the wicked.* I will therefore that ye pray verywhere, lifting up holy hands. For the Lord is igh unto all them that call upon him: to all that all upon him in truth. Pray to thy Father which is n secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall eward thee openly. But he that doeth wrong, shall eceive for the wrong that he hath done: and there is no respect of persons. God accepteth not the ersons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the oor, for they are all the work of his hands.

1 *Chron.* xxviii. 9; *Eccles.* viii. 12, 13; 1 *Tim.* ii. 8; *Ps.* xlv. 18; *St. Matt.* vi. 6; *Col.* iii. 25; *Job* xxxiv. 19.

EVENING.

I beseech you therefore, by the mercies of God, that y present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, accept- ble unto the Lord, which is your reasonable service.

Knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to pentance. O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints: they that fear him lack nothing. They that seek t Lord shall want no manner of thing that is goo We love him, because he first loved us. O give than unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endure for ever. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father al is merciful. And be ye kind one to another, tend hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ sake, hath forgiven you. God be merciful to me, sinner. *Rom.* xii. 1. 2, 4: *Ps.* xxxiv. 9. 10; 1 *St. John* iv. 19; *Ps.* vii. 1 *St. Luke* vi. 36; *Eph.* iv. 32; *St. Luke* xviii. 13.

MAY 12.

MORNING.

O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me: let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. *Ps.* xliii. 3.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name: deliver us: and purge away our sins for thy name's sake. *Ps.* lxxix. 9.

O teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. *Ps.* xc. 12.

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. *Num.* xxiii. 10.

There is a time to be born, and a time to die. *Eccles.* iii. 2.

I know that Thou wilt bring me to death, and to the place appointed for all living. *Job* xxx. 23.

When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return. *Job* xvi. 22.

If I wait, the grave is my house. *Job* xvii. 13.

ı shall perish together, and man shall turn dust. Our days on the earth are as a shadow, s none abiding. 1 *Chron.* xxix. 15.

EVENING.

nan is he that liveth and shall not see death? liver his soul from the hand of the grave?

Ps. lxxxix. 48.

ll go to the generation of his fathers: they see the light. They are laid in the grave: feed on them: their beauty shall consume e from their dwelling. But God will redeem om the power of the grave: for he shall . Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Ps. xvi. 9; xlix. 19, 14, 15.

now that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall ıe latter day upon the earth: And though cin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh God. *Job* xix. 25, 26.

aid unto her, I am the resurrection and the *at believeth on me though he were dead, yet ve.* *St. John* xi. 25.

MAY 13.

MORNING.

bound to give thanks alway to God for you, eloved of the Lord; because God hath from ing chosen you to salvation, through sanctifi- he Spirit, and belief of the truth. Whereunto you by our Gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ: Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, *comfort your hearts and stablish you in every good word and work. The Lord is faithful who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.* And the Lord *direct your hearts into the love of God,* and into the patient waiting for Christ.

2 *Thess.* ii. 15; iii. 3-5.

EVENING.

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, *that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners;* of whom I (Paul) am chief. Howbeit, for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. . . I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings and all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. *For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus: Who gave himself a ransom for all,* to be testified in due time.

1 *Tim.* i. 15-17; ii. 1-6.

MAY 14.

MORNING.

The kingdom of Heaven is like unto a certain king rhich made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his ervants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: nd they would not come. Again he sent forth other ervants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I ave prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fatlings are illed and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. ut they made light of it, and went their ways, one to is farm another to his merchandise; and the remnant ok his servants and entreated them spitefully, and ew them. But when the king heard thereof he was roth, and he sent forth his armies and destroyed those urderers and burned up their city. Then saith he to is servants, The wedding is ready, but they which ere bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the ighways and as many as ye shall find bid to the mariage. So those servants went out into the highways nd gathered together all as many as they found, both ad and good: and the wedding was furnished with uests. And when the king came in to see the guests, e saw there a man which had not on a wedding garent: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou n hither not having a wedding garment? and he was peechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind im hand and foot and take him away, and cast him ito outer darkness; there shall be weeping and nashing of teeth. *For many are called, but few are osen.*

St. Matt. xxii. 2-14.

EVENING.

As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked: but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? When I shall say to the righteous that he shall surely live, if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousness shall not be remembered: but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it. Again, when I say to the wicked, thou shalt surely die: if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him, he hath done that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live. *Ezek.* xxxiii. 11-16.

MAY 15.

MORNING.

O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord. Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the Lord hath spoken. Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea, when the waves thereof roar; the Lord of Hosts is his name: Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk e in all the ways I have commanded you; that it may e well unto you. Amend your ways and your doings. tand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old aths, where is the good way; and walk therein, and ye hall find rest for your souls. Hear, and give ear; be ot proud: for the Lord hath spoken. Give glory to he Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before our feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and while ye ook for light, he turn it into the shadow of death and make it gross darkness.

Jer. xxii. 29; xxxi. 35; xxi. 8; vii. 23, 3; vi. 16; xiii. 16.

EVENING.

Thus saith the Lord God; behold I, even I, will both search my sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock, in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered: so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places, where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries; and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel, by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down; saith the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away: and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick. . . . .

Ezek. xxxiv. 11-16.

MAY 16.

Morning.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby, is not wise. He that loveth pleasure is a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich. Hear then, my son, and be wise; and guide thine heart in the way. Be not among winebibbers, among riotous eaters of flesh. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty, and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of the eyes? Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright: At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.
Prov. xx. 1; xxi. 17; xxiii. 19-21, 29, 31, 32.

Shew not thy valiantness in wine, for wine hath destroyed many. *Ecclus.* xxxi. 25.

Evening.

The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try the children of men. The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked, and him that loveth violence, his soul hateth. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares (or) burning coals, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup. *Ps.* xi. 4-6.

(Such must be 'the portion of their cup,' who have dashed from them the cup of salvation. He therefore who would enjoy the prosperity of the wicked here, must take it with their torment hereafter; as he who ɔitious of wearing the crown of righteousness in ι, must be content to endure tribulation on earth.

Bishop Horne.)

ɪr the righteous Lord loveth righteousness: his ɜnance doth behold the upright.

Ps. xi. 7. (Bible version.)

ı way of the wicked is an abomination to the but he loveth him that followeth after righte- ɪs.

Prov. xv. 9.

MAY 17.

MORNING.

y son, give me thine heart: and let thine eyes ɾe my ways. My son, attend to my words: incline ear unto my sayings: let them not depart from eyes. Keep them in the midst of thine heart, not my law: but let thine heart keep my comments: for it is a pleasant thing if thou keep : *for they are life unto those* that find them, and ι to all their flesh. Trust in the Lord with all heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. l thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct aths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the and depart from evil. So shall the knowledge of m be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not ; off. Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved, ɜ that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

Prov. xxiii. 26; iv. 20–22; iii. 1; xxii. 11; iv. 22; iii. 5–7; xxiv. 14; xxviii. 18.

EVENING.

Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idol
nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of thems
with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunk
nor revilers, nor extortioners, *shall inherit the king*
of God. And such were some of you: but ye
washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in
name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our
God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also
up us by his own power. Flee fornication. *Kno*
not that your bodies are the members of Ch
What? Know ye not *that your body is the templ*
the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of G
And *ye are* NOT *your* own; for ye are bought wi
price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in
spirit, which are God's. 1 *Cor.* vi.

MAY 18.

MORNING.

Surely vain are all men by nature, who are ign
of God, and could not out of the good things tha
seen, know him that is: neither by considerin
works, did they acknowledge the *work-master*:
deemed either fire or wind, or the swift air, or the
of the stars, or the violent water, or the lights of he
to be the gods which govern the world. With
beauty, if they being delighted took them to be
let them know how much better the Lord of the
for the first author of beauty hath created them.

if they were astonished at their power and virtue, let hem understand by them how much mightier he is that made them. For by the greatness and beauty of the reatures, proportionably, the Maker of them is seen.

Wisdom xiii. 1-5.

EVENING.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then hall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, yet put I my trust in him. For in the time of rouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall my head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy: I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy upon me and answer me. Hide not thy face from me: put not thy servant away in anger. Thou hast been my help: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Ps. xxvii. 1-8 (Prayer Book version); 5-7, 9 (Bible version).

MAY 19.

MORNING.

Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the eople in whose heart is my law: fear ye not the proach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. or the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation. I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou that thou shouldst be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man that shall be made as grass, and forgettest the Lord thy Maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth: But I am the Lord thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: the Lord of hosts is his name. I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands have stretched out the heavens; and all their host have I commanded. *Isai.* li. 7-15; xlv. 12.

Evening.

How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord? for ever? how long wilt Thou hide thy face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me? Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death: Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved. But I have trusted in thy mercy: my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me. *Ps.* xiii.

I cried unto the Lord with my voice: with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication; I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed him of my trouble. I looked on my right hand and beheld, but no man cared for my soul. I cried unto the Lord, Thou art my refuge and my portion: Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name. *Ps.* cxlii. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7.

MAY 20.

MORNING.

erciful unto me, O God . . . . for they be many against me, O Thou Most High. What time id, I will trust in Thee. In God will I praise in God have I put my trust; I will not fear h can do unto me. *When I cry unto Thee, l mine enemies turn back:* this I know: *for or me.* In God will I praise his word, in the I praise his word. In God have I put my will not fear what man can do unto me. *Thy upon me, O God,* I will render praises unto 'or Thou hast delivered my soul from death: u not deliver my feet from falling, that I may re God in the light of the living? *Ps.* lvi. 1-4, 9-13.

erciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, ul trusteth in Thee: yea, in the shadow of thy l I make my refuge. . . . I will cry unto High: unto God that performeth all things *Ps.* lvii. 1, 2.

EVENING.

e are all the children of God by faith in Christ r as many of you as have been baptized into ve put on Christ. Ye have received the spirit n, whereby ye cry, Abba, Father. The spirit reth witness with our spirit, *that we are the of God:* and if children, then heirs, heirs of joint heirs with Christ: if so be that we suffer that we may also be glorified together. Have hip with the unfruitful works of darkness. *He* *that committeth sin is of the devil*: for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin: for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Gal. iii. 26, 27; *Rom.* viii. 16–18; *Eph.* v. 11; 1 *John* iii. 8–10; *James* iv. 7.

MAY 21.

MORNING.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Who forgiveth all thy sin: who healeth all thine infirmities. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction: *who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies:* Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; making thee young and lusty as an eagle. *The Lord is merciful and gracious: slow to anger and of great kindness, and plenteous in mercy.*

He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth: so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. Like as a father pitieth his children: so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame: he remembereth that we are but dust. *Ps.* ciii. 1–5, 8–14.

EVENING.

' give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: is mercy endureth for ever. Who can express the acts of the Lord: or shew forth all his praise? mber me, O Lord, according to the favour that bearest unto thy people. O visit me with thy .on. *Ps.* cvi. 1, 2, 4.

hat salvation with which so many patriarchs, ›ts, and kings, have desired to be visited, even lvation of thy Christ, the justifier of all them elieve.' *Bp. Horne.*

ant, O Lord, I pray Thee, that, having this glo- prospect of eternal salvation always before me, I run the way of thy commandments with delight,' forgetting those things that are behind, and ng forth unto those that are before,' I may be ressing forward toward the mark, for the prize of gh calling in Christ Jesus.

MAY 22.

MORNING.

d who at sundry times and in divers manners in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, n these last days spoken unto us by his Son, he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom made the worlds; who being the brightness of ›ry, and the express image of his person, and up- ; all things by the word of his power, when he had himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten Thee? And again, I will be to him a Father and he shall be to me a Son? And again when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. *Heb.* i. 1-6.

EVENING.

Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go. It is written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also. These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come. Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way and ye shall seek me and shall die in your sins: whither I go ye cannot come. Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go ye cannot come. And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: *for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.* *St. John* viii. 14-24.

MAY 23.

MORNING.

Iearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and ll make my judgment to rest for a light of the ple. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look n the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish y like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a ment and they that dwell therein shall die in like nner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my hteousness shall not be abolished. *Isai.* li. 4-6.

Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when called, was there none to answer? *Is my hand ortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no ower to deliver? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the a, I make the rivers a wilderness.* *Isai* l. 2.

I am the Lord thy God, that divided the sea, whose aves roared: The Lord of hosts is his name. *Isai.* li. 15.

EVENING.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh ay thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may st, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, ay be refreshed. *Exod.* xxiii. 12.

See, for that the Lord hath given you the Sabbath, erefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of o days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man out of his place on the seventh day. So the people ed on the seventh day. *Exod.* xvi. 29, 30.

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it:

because that in it, he had rested from all his work which God created and made. *Gen.* ii. 3.

For thus saith the Lord unto those that keep my sabbaths and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant; Even unto them will I give a name better than of sons and daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. *Isai.* lvi. 4, 5.

MAY 24.

MORNING.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. *I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.* As the Father knoweth me even so know I the Father and *I lay down my life for the sheep.* And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life; that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. *St. John* x. 11-18.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath

ɜn us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection
s Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incor-
e and undefiled, and that fadeth not away,
d in heaven for you. Who are kept by the
of God through faith unto salvation ready to be
d in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice,
now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness
h manifold temptations: that the trial of your
being much more precious than of gold that
th, though it be tried with fire, might be found
raise and honour and glory at the appearing of
hrist: Whom having not seen ye love, in whom
now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice
y unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the
your faith, even the salvation of your souls.
1 *Pet.* i. 3–9.

MAY 25.

MORNING.

for me I will sing of thy power and will praise
ercy betimes in the morning: for Thou hast been
fence and refuge in the day of my trouble. Unto
) my strength will I sing, for Thou O God art my
, and my merciful God. *Ps.* lix. 16, 17.

be Thou our help in trouble, for vain is the
f man. Through God will we do great acts; for
e that shall tread down our enemies. *Ps.* lx. 11, 12.

ar my crying O God; give ear unto my prayer.
the ends of the earth will I call upon Thee: when
art is in heaviness. O set me up on the rock

that is higher than I; for Thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy. *Ps. lxi. 1-3.*

I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart; and will praise thy name for evermore. For great is thy mercy towards me, and Thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell. *Ps. lxxxvi. 12, 13.*

EVENING.

Thus saith the Lord thy redeemer and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself; that frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish; that confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built and I will raise up the decayed places thereof: That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up the rivers: That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: Even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundations shall be laid. *Isai. xliv. 24-28.*

MAY 26.

MORNING.

O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: yea a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful. He telleth the number of the stars, and calleth them all by their names. Great is

God and great is his power: yea, and his wisdom is
iite. O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving, sing
es upon the harp unto our God. Who covereth
heavens with clouds, and prepareth rain for the
ı, and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains
herb for the use of man. . . . . He giveth
like wool, and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
asteth forth his ice like morsels: who is able to
his frost? He sendeth out his word and melteth
ı; he bloweth with his wind and the waters flow.
aise the Lord of heaven, praise him in the height.
ıg men and maidens, old men and children, praise
ame of the Lord: for his name only is excellent,
ıis praise above heaven and earth. *Ps.* cxlvii. & cxlviii.

EVENING.

Iowl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall
as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore
all hands be faint and every man's heart shall
; and they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows
take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a
an that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at
ıer; their faces shall be as flames. Behold, the
of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and
anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall
oy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of
n and the constellations thereof shall not give
light. The sun shall be darkened in his going
, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.
I will punish the world for their evil, and the
d for their iniquity; and I will cause the arro-
of the proud to cease, and will lay low the
ıtiness of the terrible. *Isai.* xiii. 6–11.

MAY 27.

MORNING.

Seek good and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord the God of Hosts shall be with you, as ye have spoken. *Hate the evil, and love the good*, and establish judgment in the gate; it may be that the Lord God of Hosts will be gracious. For thus saith the Lord, ... Seek ye me and ye shall live. Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name: Seek the Lord and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire . . . . . and there be none to quench it. *Amos* v. 4-15.

Thou, even thou, art to be feared; and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry? *Ps.* lxxvi. 7.

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Ps.* cxliii. 2.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. *Ps.* li. 11.

EVENING.

And it was at Jerusalem, the feast of the dedication and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the Temple i Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round abou him and said unto him, How long dost thou make us t doubt? If thou be the Christ tell us plainly. Jes answered them, I told you and ye believed not: th works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witne of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of m sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voi and I know them, and they follow me. *And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish,* neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me is greater than all: and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to cast at him. *St. John* x. 22.

MAY 28.

MORNING.

Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off: and many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him; but Mary sat still in the house. Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord if thou hadst been here my brother had not died. But I know that even now whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha said unto him, I know that he shall rise again at the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, *I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me hall never die.* Believest thou this? She saith unto im, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the n of God which should come into the world.

St. John xi. 18–27.

EVENING.

O Lord God to whom vengeance belongeth; thou d to whom vengeance belongeth; shew thyself.

Arise, thou Judge of the world: and reward the proud after their deserving. Lord how long shall the ungodly, how long shall the ungodly triumph? How long shall the wicked doers speak so disdainfully, and make such proud boasting? They smite down thy people, O Lord, and trouble thine heritage, and yet they say, Tush, the Lord shall not see; neither shall the God of Jacob regard it. *Take heed ye unwise* among the people: O ye fools, when will ye understand? *He that planted the ear shall he not hear? or he that made the eye shall he not see?* Or he that nurtureth the heathen, it is he that teacheth man knowledge, *shall he not punish?* The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man that they are but vain—Blessed is the man whom thou chasteneth, O Lord: and teachest him in thy law.

Ps. xciv. 1-12.

MAY 29.

MORNING.

To the Lord our God belongeth righteousness, but unto us confusion of face . . . . for we have sinned before the Lord. And disobeyed him; and have not hearkened unto the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in the commandments which he gave us openly. . . . . We have been disobedient unto the Lord our God, and we have been negligent in not hearing his voice. . . . . . We have not hearkened unto the voice of the Lord our God, according to all the words of the prophets, whom he sent unto us. But every man followed the imagination of his own wicked heart . . . . . . to do evil in the sight of the Lord our God. Thus we were cast down and not exalted, because we have sinned against the Lord our God and have not been obedient unto his voice. To the Lord our God appertaineth righteousness, but unto us and to our fathers open shame. Yet have we not prayed before the Lord that he might turn every one from the imagination of his wicked heart. *Baruch* i. & ii.

EVENING.

Then those men when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did (feeding 5,000 men with five loaves and two fishes) said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone. And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea. And entered into a ship and went over the sea towards Capernaum. And it was now dark and Jesus was not come to them, and the sea arose, by reason of a great wind that blew. So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship, and they were afraid. But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went. *St. John* vi. 14–21.

MAY 30.

MORNING.

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out, and having food and raiment let us therewith be content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, *which drown men in destruction and perdition.*

For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things, and *follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.* Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art called and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Jesus Christ, that thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Tim. vi. 6.

EVENING.

Yea, in the way of thy judgment O Lord have we waited for Thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of Thee: With my soul have I desired Thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek Thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. . . . Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us, for Thou also hast wrought all our works in us O Lord our God, other lords beside Thee have ha minion over us, but by Thee only will we make ention of thy name. *Isai.* xxvi. 8, 9, 12, 13.

O Lord Thou art my God.

I will exalt Thee, I will praise thy name; for Thou st done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are ithfulness and truth. For Thou hast been a strength o the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a efuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat. . . .

Isai. xxv. 1–4.

MAY 31.

MORNING.

O Lord our God we have sinned, we have done godly, we have dealt unrighteously in all thine ordinances. Let thy wrath turn from us. Hear our rayers O Lord, and our petitions, and deliver us for thine own sake. . . . O Lord look down from thine holy house, and consider us; bow down thine ear O Lord to hear us; open thine eyes and behold; for the dead that are in the graves, whose souls are taken from their bodies, will give unto the Lord neither praise or righteousness: But the soul that is greatly vexed hich goeth stooping and feeble, and the eyes that fail d the hungry soul, will give Thee praise and righteousness. O Lord, O Lord our God, thou hast dealt th us after all thy goodness, and according to all that at mercy of thine. Yet have we not hearkened unto voice, to walk in the commandments of the Lord, t he hath set before us. *Bar.* ii. 12.

EVENING.

Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light. See thou that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Redeeming the time because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is, and be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Eph. v. 14-21.

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most high God. Ps. l. 14.

Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me. (verse 23).

In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thess. v. 18

JUNE 1.

MORNING.

And I will make an everlasting covenant with them to be their God, and they shall be my people; and they shall know that I am the Lord their God: for I will give them an heart, and ears to hear: and they shall praise me, and think upon my name and return from their stiff neck and from their wicked deeds: for they shall remember the way of their fathers, which have sinned before the Lord. *Bar.* ii. 31-35.

O Lord Almighty God of Israel, the soul in anguish, the troubled spirit crieth unto thee. Hear O Lord, and have mercy; for Thou art merciful; and have pity upon us because we have sinned before Thee. For Thou endurest for ever, and we perish utterly. Remember not the iniquity of our forefathers; but think upon thy power and thy name now at this time, for Thou art the Lord our God, and Thee O Lord will we praise.
Bar. iii. 1-6.

EVENING.

Having, therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having an high priest over the House of God: Let us draw near with a true

one another; and so much the more as ye see
approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that
received the knowledge of the truth, there re
no more sacrifice for sins, but *a certain fearful*
for of judgment and fiery indignation. He

JUNE 2.

Morning.

Hear, Israel, the commandments of life:
to understand wisdom. How happeneth it, Is
thou art in thy enemies' land? that thou art w
in a strange country . . . that thou art
with them that go down into the grave? T
forsaken the fountain of wisdom. For if th
walked in the way of God, thou shouldst have
in peace for ever. Learn where is wisdom,
strength, where is understanding, that thou
know also where is length of days and life, wh

light thereof, that thou mayest be illuminated. . O Israel, happy are we: for things that are ıg to God are made known unto us. *Bar.* iii. 14.

Evening.

turn unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen ne iniquity. Take with you words and turn to ›rd; say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and us graciously: so will we render the calves of os . . . for in Thee the fatherless findeth .

vill heal their backslidings, I will love them freely, ne anger is turned away from them. I will be as w unto Israel, he shall grow as the lily, and cast his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread is beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his sinew panon. They that dwell under his shadow shall ı; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the the scent shall be as the wine of Lebanon. . . . is wise and he shall understand these things? nt and he shall know them? for the ways of the are right, and the just shall walk in them: but ansgressors shall fall therein. *Hos.* xiv. 1-9.

JUNE 3.

Morning.

ıbour not for the meat that perisheth but for that which endureth unto everlasting life, which the f Man shall give unto you: for him hath God the r sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall

.. athers did eat manna in the
He gave them bread from heave
said unto them, Verily, verily I
gave you not that bread from he
God is he which cometh down fro
light unto the world. Then said
evermore give us this bread. A
them; I am the bread of life: He
shall never hunger; and he that b
never thirst.

EVENING.

Now faith is the substance of th
evidence of things not seen. Throu
stand that the worlds were framed b
so that things which are seen were
which do appear. By faith Abel
more excellent sacrifice than Cain, b
witness that he was righteous, Go
gifts: and by it he being

saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of righteousness, which is by faith.
Heb. xi. 1-7.

JUNE 4.

MORNING.

I came down from heaven not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that all of which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread that came down from heaven. And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me, draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day: *Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life.*
St. John vi. 38.

EVENING.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith who for the joy that was set before him, endured th cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the righ hand of the throne of God. For consider him which endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be weary and faint in your minds: ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as children. My son despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him. For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. Heb. xii. 1-6.

JUNE 5.

MORNING.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this i right. Honour thy father and mother (which is th first commandment with promise); that it may be wel with thee, and that thou mayest live long on the earth And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath but bring them up in the nurture and admonition o the Lord. Servants, be obedient to them that are you masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ: not with ey service as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart; with good wil doing service, as to the Lord and not to men: Knowin that whatsoever good things any man doeth, the sam shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond o free. And ye masters, do the same things unto them forbearing threatenings, knowing that your master als

heaven; neither is there any respect of persons
im. *Eph.* vi. 1–9.

EVENING.

ader the parable of a vineyard God excuseth his
judgments.) Now will I sing to my well-beloved
of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well-
l hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: And he
it, and gathered out the stones thereof and
l it with the choicest vine and built a tower in
lst of it, and also made a winepress therein, and
ed that it should bring forth grapes, but it
t forth wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of
em, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, be-
me and my vineyard. What could have been
ore to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?
re when I looked that it should bring forth
brought it forth wild grapes? And now go to,
tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will
ay the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up,
ak down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden
and I will lay it waste; and it shall not be
nor digged, but there shall come up briers and
I will also command the clouds that they rain
upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts
House of Israel, and the men of Judah his plea-
ant. He looked for judgment, but behold oppres-
or righteousness, but behold a cry. *Isai.* v. 1–7.

JUNE 6.

MORNING.

He that will love life and see good days let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that the speak no guile. Let him eschew evil and do good; le him seek peace and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lor are over the righteous, and his ears are open to thei prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them tha do evil. 1 Pet. iii. 10-12.

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father whic is in heaven is perfect. St. Matt. v. 48.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from th dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant, *mak you perfect in every good work to do his will,* workin in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, throug Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and eve Amen. Heb. xiii. 20, 21.

EVENING.

They that put their trust in the Lord, shall be eve as the mount Zion, which may not be removed, bu standeth fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem; even so standet the Lord round about his people, from this time fort for evermore. For the rod of the ungodly cometh no into the lot of the righteous: lest the righteous pu their hands unto wickedness. Do well, O Lord, unt those that are good and true of heart. As for such turn back unto their own wickedness, the Lord sha lead them forth with the evil doers, but peace shall upon Israel. Ps. cxxv.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put any confidence in man.

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The Lord is on my side, I will not fear what man eth unto me. *Ps.* cxviii. 6, 8, 9.

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, O let me not confounded. *Te Deum.*

JUNE 7.

MORNING.

It is of the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, cause his compassions fail not. They are new every orning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my ortion, saith my soul, therefore will I trust in him. let me hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, for thee is my trust; show me thou the way that I ould walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee. I will forth in the strength of the Lord God; and will ake mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only. merciful unto me, O Lord, for I will call daily upon ee. Comfort the soul of thy servant, for unto thee, Lord, do I lift up my soul. For thou, Lord, art good d gracious, and of great mercy unto all that call upon ee. My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord rly in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee d will look up. *Lam.* iii. 22, 23. *Ps.* cxliii. 8; clxxi. 15; v. 2, 3.

EVENING.

The Lord will command his loving kindness in the day time; and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life. *Ps.* xlii. 8.

I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep nor mine eyelids to slumber, neither the temples of my head to take any rest, till I have called upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and offered to my God the sacrifice of thanksgiving. *Ps.* cxxxii. 4.

I will remember thy name, O Lord, in the night; with my whole heart will I seek thee. *Ps.* cxix. 55.

Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Consider and hear me, O Lord, my God, lighten mine eyes that I sleep* not in death. *Ps.* xiii. 3.

I will lay me down in peace and take my rest, for thou, Lord, only makest me to dwell in safety. *Ps.* iv. 8.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep *Ps.* cxxi. 4.

JUNE 8.

MORNING.

I must work the works of him that sent me, while is day; the night cometh, when no man can work. *St. John* ix.

But, Lord, I know that the way of man is not himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct steps. *Jer.* x.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; and k the door of my lips. *Ps.* cxl

ou shalt hide me privily by thine own presence from
voking of all men: Thou shalt keep me secretly
abernacle from the strife of tongues. *Ps.* xxxi. 20.

ill offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and
l upon the name of the Lord. *Ps.* cxlvi. 17.

tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of
ise all the day long. *Ps.* xxxv. 28.

Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies
r all his works. *Ps.* cxlv. 9.

retaineth not his anger for ever, because he
th in mercy. He will turn again, he will have
sion upon us. *Micah* vii. 18, 19.

EVENING.

erefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people
ar me with their mouth and with their lips do
me, but have removed their heart far from me,
ir fear toward me is taught by the precept of
Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvel-
rk among this people, even a marvellous work
wonder, for the wisdom of their wise men shall
and the understanding of their prudent men
e hid. Woe unto them that seek deep to hide
ounsel from the Lord and their works are in the
nd they say, *Who seeth us?* and *Who knoweth*
urely your turning of things upside down shall
emed as the potter's clay: *for shall the work*
him that made it, He made me not? or shall
ng framed say of him that framed it, He had
tanding? *Isai.* xxix. 13-16.

ord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and
rt our potter, and we are all the work of thy
Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither re-
r iniquity for ever. *Isai.* lxiv. 8, 9.

JUNE 9.

MORNING.

I will sing of thy power, and will praise thy mercy betimes in the morning; for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and will praise thy name for evermore, for great is thy mercy towards me: for thy mercy is greater than the heavens, and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. Thou hast brought me to great honour, and comforted me on every side. O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long. My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation, for I know no end thereof. Thou art my God, and I will thank thee. Thou art my God, and I will praise thee. I will magnify thee, O God my king, and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long.

Ps. lix. 16; lxxxvi. 12, 13; cviii. 4; lxxi. 7, 18; cxviii. 28; cxlv. 1; xxxv. 28.

EVENING.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; *nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.* Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation; *He shall cover thee with his feathers; and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.* There shall no evil befall thee; neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. The Lord is my light and my alvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom then shall I be afraid? Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Ps. xci. 5, 6, 9–11; xxvii. 1; xxiii. 4. (Bible Version.)

JUNE 10.

MORNING.

Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing, for God is y defence, and the God of my mercy. Hear my ayer, O Lord, and give ear to my supplications; in y faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. d enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in y sight shall no man be justified. O turn thee unto , and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto y servant, and help the son of thy handmaid. O der my steps in thy word, and let not any iniquity ve dominion over me. *The steps of a good man are dered by the Lord, and he delighteth in his way. ake me to go in the way of thy commandments, for erein is my desire. Lead me in a plain path cause of mine enemies.* O make my way plain fore thy face. O that my ways were made so direct at I might keep thy statutes always. *Teach me thy ay, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth; O knit y heart unto thee, that I may fear thy name.*

Ps. lix. 17; cxliii. 1, 2; xxxvi. 16; cxix. 133; xxxvii. 23; cxix. 5; xxvii. 11; v. 8; cxix. 5; lxxxvi. 11. (Bible Version.)

Evening.

Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth! Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them! And the harp and the viol, the tabret and pipe and wine are in their feasts; *but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operations of his hands.* Therefore my people have gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge; and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure, and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the haughty shall be humbled. But the Lord of Hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness. *Isai.* v. 8-16.

JUNE 11.

Morning.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was i the beginning with God. All things were made b him, and without him was not anything made tha was made. And the Word was made flesh, and dwe mong us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the ly-begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

St. John i. 1-3, 14.

In this was manifested the love of God towards us, ause that *God sent his only-begotten son into the rld that we might live through him.* Herein is e, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and t his son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 *John*, iv, 9, 10.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, n so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whover believeth on him *should not perish, but have rlasting life.* *St. John* iii. 14.

EVENING.

Let no man deceive you with vain words; for bease of these things* cometh the wrath of God upon children of disobedience. Be not ye, therefore, rtakers with them. For ye were sometimes darks, but now are ye light in the Lord: Walk as chiln of light; (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goods and righteousness and truth). Proving what is ceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship th the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those ings which are done in secret. *Eph.* v. 6-12.

God shall bring every work into judgment, with ery secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be ril. *Eccl.* xii. 14.

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* Viz., fornication and all uncleanness, covetouss, filthiness, foolish talking, jesting. *Vide* verses 3 nd 4 of same chapter.

JUNE 12.

MORNING.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men: *That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving*, and tell out his works with gladness. They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters, these men see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep. For at his word the stormy wind ariseth, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep: their soul melteth away because of the trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man; and are at their wits' end. So *when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble: he delivereth them out of their distress.* For he maketh the storm to cease, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad, because they are at rest; and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be. O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men! *Ps.* cvii. 21-31.

EVENING.

Thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it: he hath established it, he created it not in vain: he formed it to be inhabited: *I am the Lord, and there is none else.* I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth . . . . I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right . . . . There is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is eside me. Look unto me and be ye saved, all ls of the earth: for I am God, and there is none I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of uth in righteousness, and shall not return, that ne every knee shall bow; every tongue shall

Isai. xlv. 18–23.

heaven is my throne, and the earth is my ol . . . . for all those things hath my hand made, those things have been, saith the Lord: but to n will I look, even to him that is poor and of a e spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Isai. lxvi. 1, 2.

JUNE 13.

MORNING.

e therefore ready also; for the son of man t an hour when ye think not . . . . Blessed is ant whom his Lord, when he cometh, shall ng . . . But and if that servant say in his heart, lelayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat ervants and maidens, and to eat and drink, runken: the Lord of that servant will come hen he looketh not for him, and at an hour not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and him his portion with the unbelievers. And which knew his Lord's will and prepared neither did according to his will, shall be nany stripes. But he that knew not and hings worthy of stripes, shall be beaten es; for unto whomsoever much is given, uch be required. *St. Luke* xii. 40, 43, 45–48.

EVENING.

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. . . . There shall no evil happen unto thee; neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee; to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee in their hands; that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt go upon the lion and the adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; yea, I am with him in trouble, I will deliver him and bring him to honour. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation. *Ps.* xc. 1, 10–16.

JUNE 14.

MORNING.

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: and all these blessings shall come on thee and overtake thee if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine and the flocks of thy sheep.

hall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt
when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be
u goest out. The Lord shall cause thine enemies
up against thee to be smitten before thy face.
d shall establish thee an holy people unto him-
he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the
dments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his

Deut. xxviii. 1-9.

EVENING.

can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse thou
my secret faults. Keep thy servant also from
tuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me.
I be undefiled and innocent from the great
Let the words of my mouth and the medi-
of my heart be always acceptable in thy sight,
, my strength and my redeemer. *Ps.* xix. 12-15.

fathers hoped in thee; they trusted in thee
u didst deliver them. They called upon thee
re holpen: they put their trust in thee, and
t confounded. *Ps.* xxii. 4, 5.

sider my complaint, and hearken unto my
that goeth not out of feigned lips. I have
upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me; in-
hine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.
hy marvellous loving kindness, thou that art the
of them which put their trust in thee.

Ps. xvii. 1, 6, 7.

u hast given me the defence of thy salvation;
ht hand also shall hold me up, and thy loving
ion shall make me great. *Ps.* xviii. 35.

ness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly,
and godly in this present world; lookin
blessed hope, and the glorious appearing o
God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave
us, that he might redeem us from all ini
purify unto himself a peculiar people, zea
good works.

Ye are not your own; for ye are bou
price; therefore glorify God in your body,
spirit, which are God's. 1

Christ died for all, that they which live
henceforth live unto themselves, but unto hi
for them, and rose again.

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind
and hope to the end for the grace that is to
unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

EVENING.

The wrath of God is revealed from heav
all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men
the truth in unrighteousness.

be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed by them that heard him; God also bearing tness, both with signs and wonders and with iiracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost? *Heb.* ii. 1-4.

if we sin wilfully after we have received the ge of the truth, there remaineth no more for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of it and fiery indignation which shall devour the ies. *Heb.* x. 26, 27.

JUNE 16.

MORNING.

s saith the Lord of Hosts; Consider your ways. *Hag.* i. 7.

us search and try our ways, and turn again unto d. *Lam.* iii. 40.

imune with your own heart upon your bed and *Ps.* iv. 4.

ought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy nies. *Ps.* cxix. 59.

ive considered the days of old, and the years passed.

mmune with my own heart, and search out my *Ps.* lxxvii. 5, 6.

ur heart condemn us, God is greater than our nd *knoweth all things.* 1 *John* iii. 20.

me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart, e and examine my thoughts. *Ps.* cxxxix. 23.

can understand his errors? cleanse thou me cret faults. *Ps.* xix. 12.

EVENING

I will arise and go to my f
him, Father I have sinned aga
thee, and am no more worthy to

I have sinned; what shall
preserver of men?

He that covereth his sins
whoso confesseth and forsaketh

If we say that we have no sin
and the truth is not in us. If we
faithful and just to forgive our
from all unrighteousness.

Remember your ways and all
ye have been defiled, and ye sh
your own sight, for all your evi
mitted.

Return

JUNE 17.

MORNING.

e Lord, O my soul; while I live I will
rd; yea, as long as I have any being, I
es unto my God. *Ps.* cxlvi. 1.

ord, art my defender, thou art my worship
r up of my head. I did call upon the
voice: and he heard me out of his holy
Ps. iii. 3, 4.

and my flesh rejoice in the living
Blessed is the man whose strength is in
ose heart is thy ways. Who going
ale of misery use it for a well; and the
l with water. They will go *from strength*
nd unto the God of gods appeareth every
n Zion. For the Lord God is a light and
Lord will give grace and worship, and
will he withhold from them that live a
Lord God of Hosts: blessed is the man
is trust in thee. *Ps.* lxxxiv. 2, 5–7, 12, 13.

EVENING.

is in the sea and thy path in the great
y footsteps are not known. *Ps.* lxxvii. 19.

ord of the Lord were the heavens made,
osts of them by the breath of his mouth.
the waters of the sea together, as it were
, and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure
the earth fear the Lord; stand in awe of
at dwell in the world. For he spake and
he commanded, and it stood fast.
Ps. xxxiii. 6–9.

He hath made the round world so sure that it cannot be moved. The waters of the sea are mighty and rage horribly: but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier. Ps. xciii. 1-4.

Thou hast made heaven and the heaven of heavens, with all their host; the earth and all things that are therein; the sea and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee. Neh. ix. 6.

God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. Gen. i. 16.

When I consider the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Ps. viii. 3, 4.

JUNE 18.

MORNING.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation, neithe
chasten me in thy displeasure. Have mercy upon me
O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord, heal me, for my bone
are vexed. My soul also is sore troubled, but Lord
how long wilt thou punish me. Thou hast set our mis
deeds before thee, and our secret sins in the light o
thy countenance. But mine eyes look upon thee,
Lord God, in thee is my trust: O cast not out my sou
Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul. O save me f
thy mercies' sake. Deliver me from all mine offence
Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, a
thy loving kindnesses which have been ever of old.
remember not the sins and offences of my youth; b

according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness. For thy name's sake, O Lord, be merciful unto my sin, for it is great. Turn thee unto me and have mercy upon me, for I am desolate and in misery. Look upon my adversity and misery, and forgive me all my sin.

Ps. vi. 1-3 ; xc. 8 ; cxli. 9 ; vi. 4 ; xxxix. 9 ; xxv. 5, 6, 10, 15, 17.

EVENING.

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Hab.* ii. 20.

Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One? . . . . Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity.

Hab. i. 12, 13.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and in the earth.

Ps. cxiii. 4, 5.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Rev. iv. 11.

Thou, even thou, art to be feared; and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry? *Ps.* lxxvi. 7.

The Lord killeth and maketh alive; he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. The Lord maketh poor and maketh rich; he bringeth low and lifteth up.

1 *Sam.* ii. 6, 7.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help; whose hope is in the Lord his God, which made heaven and earth, the sea and all that therein is, which keepeth his truth for ever. *Ps.* cxlvi. 5, 6.

JUNE 19.

MORNING.

Behold I send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple: . . . . behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts. But who may abide his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver. . . . . And I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right and *fear not me*, saith the Lord of Hosts. For I am the Lord; I change not. Even from the days of your fathers, ye are gone away from mine ordinances and have not kept them. *Return unto me and I will return unto you*, saith the Lord of Hosts. *Mal.* iii. 1-7.

EVENING.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

1 *John* ii. 15-17.

Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world according to the will of God and our Father: to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Gal.* i. 3-5.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 *Pet.* ii. 9.

JUNE 20.

MORNING.

Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord, yea as long as I have any being I will sing praises unto my God. O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man, for there is no help in them. For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth; and then all his thoughts perish. *Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help; and whose hope is in the Lord his God.* Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that therein is: who keepeth his promise for ever. Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong: who feedeth the hungry. The Lord looseth men out of prison; the Lord giveth sight to the blind. The Lord helpeth them that are fallen: *the Lord careth for the righteous. The Lord careth for strangers, he defendeth the fatherless and widow. As for the way of the ungodly he turneth it upside down.* The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be king for evermore, and throughout all generations. *Ps.* cxlvi.

EVENING.

It shall come to pass if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day: that all these curses shall come upon thee and overtake thee; Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field; Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed; and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings whereby thou hast forsaken me. . . . . *Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things . . . . because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee.* Deut. xxviii. 15-47.

JUNE 21.

MORNING.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.* I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end; I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their portion in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. *Rev.* xxi. 3-8.

He that believeth on him shall not be confounded. 1 *Pet.* ii. 6.

He that believeth on him is not condemned. *St. John* iii. 18.

EVENING.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then said he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few: pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. *St. Matt.* ix. 35-38.

And it came to pass as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, *They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.* But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy and not sacrifice, for *I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.* *St. Matt.* ix. 10-13.

JUNE 22.

MORNING.

These words spake Jesus and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son may glorify thee. . . . . I have glorified thee on earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world. Thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. . . . . And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one as we are. . . . . I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. . . . . Sanctify them through thy truth: *thy word is truth*; . . . . *neither pray I for these alone: but for them also which shall believe on me through their word*, that they all may be one as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

St. John xvii. 1, 4, 6, 11, 15, 17, 20, 21.

EVENING.

I will mention the loving kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses. For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie; so he was their

our. *In all their affliction, he was afflicted,* and
angel of his presence saved them; *in his love and*
his pity he redeemed them. . . . . But they re-
ed and vexed his holy Spirit, therefore he was
ned to be their enemy. . . . . Look down from
ven and behold from the habitation of thy holi-
s and of thy glory. . . . . Doubtless thou art our
ther. . . . . Thou, O Lord, art our Father and
r redeemer; thy name is from everlasting. O Lord,
y hast thou made us to err from thy ways and
rdened our heart from thy fear? Return, for thy
rvants' sake. We are thine. . . . . *Isai.* lxiii. 7-19.

JUNE 23.

MORNING.

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and for-
ke not the law of thy mother; bind them continually
pon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When
ou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest,
shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it
all talk with thee. For the commandment is a
mp: and the law is light, and reproofs of instruction
e the way of life. Go to the ant, thou sluggard, con-
der her ways, and be wise: which, having no guide,
erseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer
d gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt
u sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of
r sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little
ling of the hands to sleep: so shall thy poverty
ne as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed

man. . . . . Hear me now therefore . . . . and depart not from the words of my mouth. Lest . . . . thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed and say, How have I hated instruction and my heart despised reproof, and have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined my ear to them that instructed me. *Prov.* vi. 20-23, 11; v. 7-13.

EVENING.

God created man to be immortal; and made him to be an image of his own eternity. Nevertheless, through envy of the devil came death into the world; and they that do hold of his side do find it. *But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them.* In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction; *but they are in peace.* For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality, and having been a little chastised they shall be greatly rewarded, for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself. As gold in the furnace hath he tried them. . . . . They that put their trust in him shall understand the truth; and such as be faithful in love, shall abide with him; for grace and mercy is to his saints, and he hath care for his elect. But the ungodly shall be punished according to their own imaginations, which have neglected the righteous *and forsaken the Lord.* *Wisdom of Solomon* ii. 23, 24; iii. 1-10.

JUNE 24.

MORNING.

d again he entered into Capernaum after some and it was noised that he was in the house. And tway many were gathered together, insomuch here was no room to receive them, no, not so as about the door; and he preached the word hem. And they come bringing unto him one ' the palsy . . . . and when they could not igh unto him for the press, they uncovered the here he was, and . . . . let down the bed n the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw ith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy forgiven thee. But there were certain of the sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, oth this man thus speak blasphemies? Who rgive sins but God only? And immediately esus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned hemselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye hings in your hearts? Whether is it easier to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; ay, Arise, and take up thy bed and walk? But may know that the Son of man hath power on forgive sins (he saith to the sick of the palsy), nto thee, Arise and take up thy bed and go thy to thy house. And immediately he arose, took bed and went forth before them all; insomuch ey were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, 'er saw it on this fashion. *St. Mark* ii. 1-12.

EVENING.

s is the covenant that I will make with them ose days, saith the Lord, *I will put my laws* *into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.* Heb. x. 16, 17.

And I said, I will never break my covenant with you. Judges ii. 1.

Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he spoke to a thousand generations. 1 Chron. xvi. 15.

He shall ever be mindful of his covenant. . . . . . He sent redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverent is his name. Ps. iii. 5, 9.

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Ps. lxxxix. 34.

I will bring the blind by a way that they know not, I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight; these things will I do unto them, and will not forsake them. Isai. xlii. 16.

My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee. Isai. liv. 10.

JUNE 25.

MORNING.

Let thine heart retain my words; keep my commandments and live. Get wisdom, get understanding; forget it not, neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not (i.e. wisdom), and she shall preserve thee; love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and ith all thy getting get understanding. . . . . She hall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. he shall give to thine head an ornament of grace; a rown of glory shall she deliver to thee. Hear, O my n, and receive my sayings, and the years of thy life hall be many. I have taught thee in the way of wisom, I have led thee in the right paths. When thou oest thy steps shall not be straitened, and when thou unnest thou shalt not stumble. Take fast hold of intruction; let her not go; keep her; for she is thy life. *Prov.* iv. 4–13.

O give me understanding and I shall keep thy law, ea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. *Ps.* cxix. 34.

EVENING.

Fear God and keep the commandments, for this is he whole duty of man. *Eccles.* xii. 13.

What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do ustly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy od. *Micah* vi. 8.

O that there were such a heart in them that they ould *fear me*, and keep all my commandments always, hat it might be well with them and with their children r ever. *Deut.* v. 29.

Ye shall not tempt the Lord your God. . . . . e shall diligently keep the commandments of the ord your God and his testimonies, and his statutes hich he hath commanded thee. And thou shalt *do at which is right and good in the sight of the Lord*; at it may be well with thee. The Lord commanded s to do all these statutes, *to fear the Lord our od for our good always*. . . . And it shall be r righteousness if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us. *Deut.* vi. 16-25.

Let thine hand help me, for I have chosen thy commandments. O quicken me according to thy loving kindness. *Ps.* cxix. 159, 173.

JUNE 26.

MORNING.

Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord, yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of Hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered. Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; *and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.* Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked; between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. *Mal.* iii. 13-18.

EVENING.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable

And be not conformed to this world, but be ye ed by the renewing of your mind, that ye re what is that good, and acceptable, and ill of God. For I say through the grace given to every man that is among you, not to think f more highly than he ought to think; but to berly according as God hath dealt to every measure of faith. Let love be without dissimu- *Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that good.* Be kindly affectioned one to another herly love; in honour preferring one another. ful in business, fervent in spirit; serving the

Rom. xii. 1-3, 9-11.

JUNE 27.

MORNING.

ld the fear of the Lord, *that is wisdom*; and ; from evil is understanding. *Job* xxviii. 28.

ı wisdom entereth into thine heart, and know- pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall pre- e, understanding shall keep thee: To deliver n the way of the evil man, from the man that froward things: Who leaves the paths of ess, to walk in the ways of darkness: Who re- do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in hs: To deliver thee from the strange woman, m the stranger who flattereth with her words; rsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth nant of her God. *For her house inclineth* *unto death*, and her paths unto the dead. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. That thou mayest *walk in the way of good men*, and keep the paths of the righteous.

Prov. ii. 10–20.

EVENING.

And the Lord said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and behold it is a stiffnecked people; Now, therefore, let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them. . . . . And Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Wherefore should the Egyptians say for mischief did he bring them out, to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel thy servants, to whom thou swearest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever. And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people. *Exod.* xxxii. 9–14.

As Moses interceded for these 'stiffnecked' people so does our blessed Saviour intercede for us, and turn away God's anger from us and prevail with him to spare us yet a little while.

JUNE 28.

MORNING.

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my
nmandments with thee; so that thou incline thine
r unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to under-
nding: if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest
r her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou under-
nd the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of
d. For the Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth
meth knowledge and understanding. He layeth up
nd wisdom for the righteous: *he is a buckler to*
m that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of
dgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Then
alt thou understand righteousness, and judgment,
d equity; yea, *every good path.* *Prov.* ii. 1-9.

Order my steps in thy word, and so shall no wicked-
s have dominion over me. *Ps.* cxix. 133.

EVENING.

For, behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an
en; and *all the proud*, yea and *all that do wickedly*,
all be stubble, and *the day that cometh shall burn*
m up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave
em neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear
y name shall the sun of righteousness arise with
aling in his wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up
the calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the
cked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your
t in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of
sts. Remember ye the law of Moses my servant,
ich I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel,
h the statutes and judgments. Behold I will send

you Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. *Mal.* iv. 1-6.

JUNE 29.

MORNING.

The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hands of the potter; so he made it again another vessel as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord, *Behold as the clay is in the potter's hand so are ye in mine hand.* . . . At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; If that nation against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them . . . . Therefore . . . *return ye now every one from his evil way and make your ways and your doings good.* *Jer.* xviii. 1-11.

EVENING.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done mis, O Lord, who may abide it? O hide not thou hy face from me; nor cast thy servant away in displeasure. Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O ord; let thy lovingkindness and thy truth alway preerve me. My sins have taken such hold upon me that am not able to look up, yea they are more in number an the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed e. O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me: *ake haste to help me.* My misdeeds prevail against e: O be thou merciful to my sins. Lord, be merciful to me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee. r my wickednesses have gone over my head, and are e a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear. *Hear y prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my lling*; hold not thy peace at my tears, and hide not y face from thy servant, for I am in trouble; O haste e and hear me. Show thy servant the light of thy ntenance, and save me for thy mercy's sake.

xxx. 3; xxvii. 10; xl. 14–16; lxv. 8; xli. 4; xxxviii. 4; xxxix. 13; xxxi. 18.

JUNE 30.

MORNING.

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather ve place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is ne; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine emy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink. not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. . . . ss them which persecute you; bless and curse not.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. *Rom. xii. 14–21.*

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. Incline our hearts, O Lord, to forgive and to be merciful, as we need to be forgiven and as we desire to obtain mercy. *Jenks' Prayers.*

EVENING.

Give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things ye shall never fall.[1] For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you alway in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, *to stir you up*, by putting you in remembrance; knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me. Moreover, I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease *to have these things always in remembrance*, for we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. *2 Pet. i. 10–15.*

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[1] *Vide* beginning of 2 Pet. i. 5–7.

JULY 1.

MORNING.

I will thank thee, O Lord and King, and praise thee, od my Saviour; I do give praise unto thy name. thou art my defender and helper, and hast preed my body from destruction, . . . and hast been helper against my adversaries and hast delivered me rding to the multitude of thy mercies and great- of thy name . . . from the manifold afflictions ch I had. . . . They compassed me on every side, there was no man to help me; I looked for the our of men, but there was none. Then thought I thy mercy, O Lord, and upon thy acts of old, how deliverest such as wait for thee, and savest them of the hands of the enemies. Then lifted I up my plication from the earth and prayed for deliverance n death. I called upon the Lord, the Father of my d, that he would not leave me in the days of my ible, . . . when there was no help. I will praise thy e continually, and will sing praise with thanksing, and so my prayer was heard, for thou savedst from destruction. . . . Therefore will I give thanks praise thee and bless thy name, O Lord.

Ecclus. li. 1-3, 7-12.

EVENING.

Our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and sins testify against us; for our transgressions are h us; and as for our iniquities we know them; in

transgressing and lying against the Lord, and
away from our God, speaking oppression a
conceiving and uttering from the heart wor
hood. And judgment is turned away bac
justice standeth afar off, for truth is fallen in
and equity cannot enter, yea truth faileth
the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that
no judgment. And he saw that there was n
wondered that there was no *intercessor*; th
arm brought salvation unto him, and his rig
it sustained him. . . . *According to their dee*
ingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, r
to his enemies. . . . So shall they fear the n
Lord from the west, and his glory from th
the sun. When the enemy shall come in li
the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standa
him, and the Redeemer shall come to Zion,
them that turn from transgression . . . sait
As for me this is my covenant with them, saith
my spirit that is upon thee and my words wh
put in thy mouth shall not depart out of thy
out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the
thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from hencefo
ever.

JULY 2.

MORNING.

The Lord is my rock, and my fortres
deliverer; the God of my rock; in him will
is my shield, and the horn of my salvation
tower, and my refuge, and my saviour. . . .
on the Lord who is worthy to be praised: so

ed from mine enemies. When the waves of death
passed me, the floods of ungodly men made me
id. The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the
es of death prevented me: *in my distress I called*
n the Lord, and cried to my God; and he did
my voice out of his temple; and *my cry did*
r into his ears. . . . He sent from above, he took
he drew me out of many waters . . . *the Lord*
my stay. . . . As for God, his way is perfect, the
of the Lord is tried: *he is a buckler to all them*
trust in him. For who is God save the Lord?
ho is a rock save our God? God is my strength
wer; and he maketh my way perfect.

2 *Sam.* xxii. 2–7, 17, 19, 31–33.

EVENING.

Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of
tion, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of
nt to be punished: But chiefly them that walk
e flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and *despise*
nent. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they
afraid to speak evil of dignities. Whereas
which are greater in power and might, bring
ing accusations against them before the Lord.
se as natural brute beasts, made to be taken
troyed, *speak evil of the things they under-*
not: and shall utterly perish in their own
ion. And shall receive the reward of unrigh-
ss, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the
ne. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting
lves with their own deceivings while they feast
u: having eyes full of adultery and that cannot
rom sin; beguiling unstable souls . . . cursed
n; which have forsaken the right way and are
tray.

2 *Pet.* ii. 9–15.

JULY 3.

MORNING.

What hath pride profited us? or what good hath riches with our vaunting brought us? All those things are passed away like a shadow, and as a post that hasteth by; and as a ship that passeth over the waves of water, which when it is gone by, the trace thereof cannot be found, neither the pathway of the keel in the waves; or as when a bird hath flown through the air, there is no token of her way to be found, but the light air being beaten with the stroke of her wings and parted with the violent noise and motion of them, is passed through, and therein afterwards no sign where she went is to be found; or like as when an arrow is shot at a mark, it parteth the air, which immediately cometh together again, so that a man cannot know where it went through. Even so we, in like manner, as soon as we were born began to draw to our end and had no sign of virtue to show; but were consumed in our own wickedness. For the hope of the ungodly is like dust that is blown away with the wind; like a thin froth that is driven away with the storm; like as the smoke which is dispersed here and there with a tempest, and passeth away as the remembrance of a guest that tarrieth but a day. *But the righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord*, and the care of them is with the Most High. Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand; for with his right hand shall he cover them, and with his arm shall he protect them.

Wisd. v. 8-16.

EVENING.

son, hast thou sinned? do so no more, *but ask for thy former sins.* Flee from sin as from of a serpent: for if thou comest too near it, it thee: the teeth thereof are as the teeth of a ing the souls of men.

niquity is as a two-edged sword, the wounds cannot be healed. To terrify and do wrong e riches; thus the house of proud men shall be solate. A prayer out of a poor man's mouth to the ears of God, and his judgment cometh *He that hateth to be reproved is in the way rs; but he that feareth the Lord will repent s heart.* The congregation of the wicked is wrapped together; and the end of them is a fire to destroy them. The way of sinners is ain with stones, but at the end thereof is the ell. He that keepeth the law of the Lord the understanding thereof; and the perfection ar of the Lord is wisdom. *Ecclus.* xxi. 1-11.

JULY 4.

MORNING.

e depth of the riches both of the wisdom and ge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, ways past finding out! For who hath known d of the Lord? or who hath been his coun- or who hath first given to him, and it shall be nsed to him again? For of him, and through

him, and to him are all things; to whom be
ever. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the
of God, that ye present your bodies a living
holy, acceptable unto God, which is your re
service. And be not conformed to this worl
ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,
may prove what is that good, and acceptable, an
will of God. *Rom. xi. 33-3*

'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heave
thy will and word, O Lord, be ever faithfully a
fully done by us, and the way of salvation be ev
known upon earth. *Jenk*

EVENING.

*If any one sin, we have an advocate
Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is
pitiation for our sins*, and not for ours only,
for the sins of the whole world. And hereb
know that we know him, *if we keep his comma*
He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his c
ments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God
hereby know we that we are in him. He that
abideth in him, ought himself so to walk, e
walked. Brethren, I write no new command
you, but an old commandment, which ye had
beginning. The old commandment is the w
ye have heard from the beginning. 1

O give me understanding that I may
commandments.

JULY 5.

MORNING.

wake to righteousness, and sin not. Be not de-
l; evil communications corrupt good manners.
1 *Cor.* xv. 33, 34.

ke heed . . . lest there be in any of you an evil
of *unbelief*, in departing from the living God.
xhort one another daily, while it is called *To-day*;
ny of you be hardened through the deceitfulness
. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we
he beginning of our confidence *stedfast unto the*
While it is said *To-day if ye will hear his voice,*
n not your hearts, as in the provocation. For
when they had heard did provoke, howbeit not all
ame out of Egypt by Moses. . . . Wherefore (as
oly Ghost saith), To-day if ye will hear his voice,
n not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the
f temptation in the wilderness. When your
s tempted me, proved me, and saw my works
years. Wherefore I was grieved with that gene-
and said, *They do alway err in their heart, and*
ave not known my ways: so I sware in my wrath,
hall not enter into my rest. But with whom was
eved forty years? was it not with them that had
? . . . and to whom sware he that they should
ter into his rest, but to them that believed not?
see that they could not enter in because of un-
Heb. iii. 7–19.

EVENING.

w we command you, brethren, in the name of our
esus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from

every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us, for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day that we might not be chargeable to any of you . . . we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busy-bodies. Now them that are such, we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. *Be not weary in well-doing. The Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you and keep you from evil.* And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. And *the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God* and into the patient waiting for Christ.

2 Thess. iii. 3–13.

JULY 6.

MORNING.

Because I have called and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me. For they hated knowledge and *did not choose the fear of the*

; *they would none of my counsel; they despised*
y reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit
ir own way, and be filled with their own devices.
But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely,
hall be quiet from fear of evil. *Prov.* i. 24–31, 33.

he curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked,
e blesseth the habitation of the just. *Prov.* iii. 33.

EVENING.

et every soul be subject unto the higher powers.
here is no power but of God; the powers that be
dained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the
resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that
shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers
ot a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt
then not be afraid of the power? do that which is
and thou shalt have praise of the same; for he is
inister of God to thee for good. But if thou do
which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the
in vain; for he is the minister of God, a revenger
cute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore
ust needs be subject, not only for wrath, but for
ience sake. For, for this cause pay ye tribute
for they are God's ministers. . . . Render there-
to all their dues, tribute to whom tribute is due;
m to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour
hom honour. Owe no man anything but to love
nother. *Rom.* xiii. 1–8.

JULY 7.

MORNING.

O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee; be thou our arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble. The Lord is exalted, for he dwelleth on high, and wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times and strength of salvation; the fear of the Lord is his treasure. . . . Hear ye that are far off what I have done, and ye that are near acknowledge my might. . . . He that walketh righteously and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppression, that shaketh his hands from the holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; he shall dwell on high; his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks; bread shall be given to him; his waters shall be sure. . . . For the Lord is our judge; the Lord is our lawgiver; the Lord is our King, he will save us.

Isai. xxxiii. 2-22.

Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him . . . for the Lord thy God is a jealous God . . . lest the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the earth. *Deut.* vi. 13-15.

EVENING.

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world! thou hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Ps. viii. 1.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and tell of thy power: to make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious r of his kingdom. . . . The Lord is nigh unto n that call upon him, to all that call upon him h. *He will fulfil the desire of them that call im. He also will hear their cry, and will save*

Ps. cxlv. 10–12, 18, 19.

praise the Lord of Heaven, praise him in the , Praise him all ye angels of his; praise him host. Ps. cxlviii. 1, 2.

praise the Lord; for it is a good thing to sing s unto our God; yea, a joyful and pleasant it is to be thankful. Ps. cxlvii. 1.

t everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Ps. cl. 6.

ove the Lord because he hath heard my voice and pplications. Because he hath inclined his ear ne, *therefore will I call upon him as long as I*

Ps. cvi. 1, 2.

JULY 8.

MORNING.

ve thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, known his deeds among the people. Sing unto ing psalms unto him; talk ye of all his wondrous . Glory ye in his holy name; let the heart of rejoice that seek the Lord. *Seek the Lord and rength, seek his face continually.* Remember arvellous works that he hath done, his wonders he judgments of his mouth. . . . He is the Lord od; his judgments are in all the earth. . . . Be indful always of his covenant; the word which he anded to a thousand generations. Sing unto the

Lord, all the earth, show forth from day to day his salvation. Declare his glory among the heathen: his marvellous works among all nations. *For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he also is to be feared above all gods.* For all the gods of the people are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

1 *Chron.* xvi. 8–15, 23–26.

EVENING.

Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. And when the Lord saw it he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons and of his daughters. And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be, for they are a very froward generation, *children in whom is no faith.* They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities. . . . For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. I will heap mischiefs upon them, I will spend mine arrows upon them. They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction. . . . *To me belongeth vengeance and recompense. . . . I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal,* neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end. *Deut.* xxxii. 18–41.

JULY 9.

MORNING.

Keep the Sabbath to sanctify it, as the Lord thy
od hath commanded thee. Six days shalt thou labour
d do all thy work. But the seventh day is the
bbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do
y work, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy
nservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor
ne ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor the stranger that is
thin thy gates, that thy manservant and thy maid-
vant may rest as well as thou. *Deut.* v. 12-14.

Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy
to you. . . . Six days may work be done; but in the
nth is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. . . .
r in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and
the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.
Exod. xxxi. 14-17.

Verily my Sabbaths shall ye keep, for it is a sign
ween me and you, throughout your generations;
t ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify
u. *Exod.* xxxi. 13.

EVENING.

Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and
judgments which the Lord your God commanded
each you. . . . That thou mightest fear the Lord
God, to keep all his statutes and his command-
its, which I command thee, thou and thy son and
son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy
may be prolonged. Hear therefore and observe
o it; that it may be well with thee. . . . *The Lord*
God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord
od with all thine heart, and with all thy soul,

and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. . . . *Then beware lest thou forget the Lord.* . . . Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God and serve him, . . . (for the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth. *Deut.* vi. 1-15.

JULY 10.

MORNING.

Thou art a God that hast no pleasure in wickedness; neither shall any evil dwell with thee. Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight; for thou hatest all them that work vanity. Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing (lying). The Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man. But as for me, I will come into thy house, even upon the multitude of thy mercy; and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple. *Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies; make thy way plain before my face.* *Ps.* v. 4-8.

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed; thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation. *Exod.* xv. 13.

This is it that the Lord spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. *Lev.* x. 3.

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him. O Lord God of Hosts, who is like unto thee? *Ps.* lxxxix. 8, 9.

Evening.

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; *I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people*; and they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For *I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.* . . . Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God ye might receive the promise. *For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.* Now the just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him; but we are not of them who draw back unto perdition, but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. *Heb.* viii. 10-12; x. 35-39.

JULY 11.

Morning.

Thus saith the high and lofty one that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, *with him also that is of a contrite and* *humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth*; for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made. For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him; I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways and will heal him; *I will lead him also, and restore comfort unto him.* I create the fruit of the lips; peace, peace to him that is far off and to him that is near, saith the Lord, and I will heal him. But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. *Isai.* lvii. 15–21.

EVENING.

O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify his name together. Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord Jehovah; and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance. The Lord looked down from heaven and beheld all the children of men: from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth. He fashioneth all the hearts of them, and understandeth all their works. Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, and upon them that put their trust in his mercy; to *deliver their soul from death*; and to feed them in the time of dearth. Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord, for *he is our help and our shield.* For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have hoped in his holy name. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us: as we do put our trust in thee. The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. *Ps.* xxxiii., xxxiv.

JULY 12.

MORNING.

Ye are all the children of light, and the children
the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness.
*erefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us
atch and be sober.* For they that sleep, sleep in the
ght, and they that be drunken are drunken in the
ght; but let us who are of the day be sober, putting
the breast-plate of faith and love, and for an helmet
e hope of salvation. *For God hath not appointed us
wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus
rist, who died for us,* that whether we wake or sleep
should live together with him. Wherefore comfort
urselves together and edify one another, even as also
do. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them
ich labour among you and are over you in the Lord,
d admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in
ve for their works sake, and be at peace among your-
lves. 1 *Thess.* v. 5-13.

EVENING.

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; thy
me is worthy to be praised and glorified for evermore.
r thou art righteous in all the things that thou hast
ne to us; yea, true are all thy works, thy ways are right,
d all thy judgments truth. For we have sinned and
mmitted iniquity, departing from thee. In all things
ve we trespassed and not obeyed thy commandments,
r kept them, neither done as thou hast commanded
s, that it might go well with us. Wherefore all that
ou hast brought upon us, and everything that thou hast
ne to us, thou hast done in true judgment. Yet de-
iver us not wholly for thy name sake. . . . *In a con-*

trite heart and an humble spirit let us be accepted . . . and grant that we may wholly go after thee; for they shall not be confounded that put thier trust in thee. And now we follow thee with all our heart, we fear thee, and seek thy face. Put us not to shame, but deal with us after thy lovingkindness and according to the multitude of thy mercies. Deliver us also according to thy marvellous works and give glory to thy name, O Lord, and let all them that do thy servants hurt be ashamed . . . and let them know that thou art Lord, the only God, and glorious over the whole world.

Song of the Three Children (Apocrypha) i. 1-22.

JULY 13.

MORNING.

Come ye children and hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord, ye that are his saints, for they that fear him lack nothing . . . they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good. What man is he that lusteth to live, and would fain see good days? *Keep thy tongue from evil; and thy lips that they speak no guile. Eschew evil, and do good; seek peace and ensue it. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayers. The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil:* to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will save such as be of an humble spirit. Great are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of all. The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants; and all they that put their trust in him *shall not be destitute.* Ps. xxxiv. 11-22.

EVENING.

[am the true vine, and my Father is the husband-
, Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he
h away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he
th it that it may bring forth more fruit. Abide
and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit
elf except it abide in the vine; no more can ye,
t ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the
hes. He that abideth in me and I in him, the
bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can
thing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth
ranch and is withered, and men gather them and
hem into the fire, and they are burned. If ye
in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask
ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is
ather glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye
disciples. . . . If ye keep my commandments ye
abide in my love. *St. John* xv. 1-10.

JULY 14.

MORNING.

son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments
thee. Keep my commandments and live; and
w as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy
s, write them upon the table of thine heart. . . .
ken unto me therefore, O ye children, and attend
e words of my mouth . . . unto you O men I call,
ny voice is to the sons of man. O ye simple un-
and wisdom, and ye fools be ye of an understanding
. Hear, for I will speak of excellent things; and
pening of my lips shall be right things. For my

mouth shall speak truth, and *wickedness is an abomination to my lips.* . . . Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. . . . *The fear of the Lord is to hate evil, pride and arrogancy, and the evil way; and the froward mouth do I hate.* . . . *I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me.* Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for *blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and refuse it not.* Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul; all they that hate me love death. *Prov.* vii. 1-3, 24; viii. 5-7, 10, 13, 17, 32-36.

EVENING.

Strengthen ye the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong and fear not: behold your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense: *he will come and save you.* Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes, and an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called *the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it*; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be

there; *but the redeemed shall walk there*: and
ansomed of the Lord shall return, and come to
with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads;
shall obtain joy and gladness, and *sorrow* and
ɩg *shall flee away.* *Isai.* xxxv. 8-10.

JULY 15.

MORNING.

ɩe law was given by Moses, but grace and truth
by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any
the only begotten Son, he hath declared him.
St. John i. 17, 18.

l things are delivered unto me of my Father, and
an knoweth the Son but the Father; neither
th any man the Father save the Son, and he to
oever the Son will reveal him. *St. Matt.* xi. 27.

am the way, the truth, and the life; no man
ı unto the Father but by me. If ye had known
ɜ should have known my Father also; and from
orth ye know him and have seen him. For he
ath seen me hath seen the Father. Believest
ot that I am in the Father and the Father in me?
ords that I speak unto you, I speak not of myself,
e Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.
e me that I am in the Father, and the Father in
else believe me for the very works' sake.
St. John xiv. 6-11.

EVENING.

thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord
and shall believe in thine heart that God hath
him from the dead, *thou shall be saved.* For

with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is *rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.* How then shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things! *Rom.* x. 9-15.

Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief.

JULY 16.

MORNING.

Ye shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy. Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. *Ye shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my Sanctuary: I am the Lord.* Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards. . . . I am the Lord your God. Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and *fear thy God*; I am the Lord. . . . Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights. . . . shall ye have: I am the Lord your God. . . . *Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them*: I am the Lord. *Lev.* xix. 1. 2, 30-37.

Sanctify yourselves therefore and *be ye holy*: for the Lord your God. And ye shall keep my sta- and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify . . . Ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am y, and have severed you from other people that ye ld be mine. *Levit.* xx. 7, 8, 26.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and hall keep it unto the end. *Ps.* cxix. 33.

EVENING.

God is a spirit, and they that worship him *must rship him in spirit and in truth.* *St. John* iv. 24.

We know that God heareth not sinners, but if any an be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he areth. *St. John* ix. 31.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the sire of them that fear him; he also will hear their y and will save them. *Ps.* cxlv. 18, 19.

And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because e keep his commandments, and do those things that e pleasing in his sight. *St. John* iii. 22.

Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you; leanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, double-minded. *James* iv. 8.

He that turneth away his ear from hearing the w, even his prayer shall be abomination. *Prov.* xxviii. 9.

The Lord is far from the wicked, but he heareth the ayer of the righteous. *Prov.* xv. 29.

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the rd, but the prayer of the upright is his delight. *Prov.* xv. 8.

Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace. *Job* xxii. 21.

JULY 17.

MORNING.

There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

1 *Tim.* ii. 5, 6.

To open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God; that they might receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in him.

Acts xxvi. 18.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God *with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, this is the first and great commandment*; and the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. *St. Matt.* xxii. 37–40.

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations, and repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack to him that hateth him; he will repay him to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which I command thee this day, to do them. *Deut.* vii. 9–11.

EVENING.

O Lord our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us, but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid. *I*

rn and I will perform it, that I will keep thy
s judgments. I will behave myself wisely in
; way. I will walk within my house with a per-
rt. I will set no wicked thing before mine
hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall
ve to me. As for me and my house, we will
e Lord. I am purposed that my mouth shall
sgress. All the while my breath is in me, and
t of God is in my nostrils, my lips shall not
ickedness nor my tongue utter deceit. I will
ove mine integrity from me. My righteousness
ıst and will not let it go; my heart shall not
ı me so long as I live.

; *Ps.* cxvi. 16; cxix. 106; ci. 2; *Josh.* xxiv. 15; *Ps.* xvii. 3; *Job* xxvii. 3–6.

JULY 18.

MORNING.

d up and bless the Lord your God for ever; and
be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all
and praise. Thou, even thou, art Lord alone;
st made heaven, the heaven of heavens with all
sts, the earth and all things that are therein,
, and all that is therein, and thou preservest
l; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

Neh. ix. 5, 6.

ve thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for
cy endureth for ever. For great is the Lord,
atly to be praised; he also is to be feared above
. . . . Glory and honour are in his presence;
ı and gladness are in his place. . . . Give unto

the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering, and come before him; *worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.* Fear before him all the earth. . . . Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice, and let men say among the nations, *The Lord reigneth.* Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever.

1 *Chron.* xvi. 28–36.

EVENING.

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them: My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here and watch with me. And he went a little farther and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, *O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me except I drink it, thy will be done.* And he came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. And he left them and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

St. Matt. xxvi. 36–44.

JULY 19.

MORNING.

t hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit the churches. . . . I know thy works, and thy 1 thy patience, and how thou canst not bear are evil . . . and hast borne, and hast patience, ıy name's sake hast laboured and hast not evertheless I have somewhat against thee. . . . therefore from whence thou art fallen, and else I will come unto thee quickly. . . . He an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith hurches; to him that overcometh will I give he tree of life, which is in the midst of the f God. I know thy works, and thy tribulapoverty. . . . *Fear none of those things u shalt suffer; be thou faithful unto death, l give thee a crown of life.* *Rev.* ii. 2-10.

: we may hear those blessed words, 'Well good and faithful servant,' at the Judgment ssed to us.

EVENING.

od spake unto Moses and said unto him, I am : and I appeared unto Abraham, and unto unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty I have also established my covenant with ive them the land of Canaan, the land of their e, wherein they were strangers. And *I have 'd the groaning of the children of Israel,* e Egyptians keep in bondage, and *I have 'ed my covenant.* Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, *I am the Lord*, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm and with great judgments; and I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you into the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage; *I am the Lord.* *Exod.* vi. 2–8.

JULY 20.

MORNING.

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and *go not into the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.* For they sleep not except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away unless they cause some to fall. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble. My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes, *keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life to those that find them*, and health to all their flesh. *Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.* Put away from thee a nouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look ›efore thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and ˀ ways be established. *Turn not to the right · to the left: remove thy foot from evil.*

Prov. iv. 14-27.

EVENING.

Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou he house of Jacob, and tell the children of 'e have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, I bare you on eagles' wings and brought you elf; now therefore, *if ye will obey my voice nd keep my covenant, then ye shall be a pecu- ›ure unto me above all people*; for all the nine. . . . And Moses came and called for the the people, and laid before their faces all these ich the Lord commanded him. And all the ıswered together and said: *All that the Lord ›ken we will do.* And Moses returned the the people unto the Lord. *Exod.* xix. 3-8.

aw was given by Moses, but grace and truth Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any ɜ only begotten Son which is in the bosom of er, he hath declared him. *St. John* i. 17, 18.

who at sundry times and in divers manners times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hese last days spoken unto us by his Son.

Heb. i. 1.

JULY 21.

MORNING.

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear; but *your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.* For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; and your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice nor any pleadeth for truth; they trust in vanity and speak lies; they conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity. . . . Their feet run to evil, and their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not, and there is no judgment in their goings, they have made them crooked paths; whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

Isai. lix. 1-8.

These severe reproofs were addressed to the Israelites, but alas! how exactly does the account of their wickedness correspond with the conduct and character of many who call themselves Christians! 'Their feet run to evil, and their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity.' 'They have no fear of God before their eyes.'

EVENING.

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles,[1] that whereas they speak against you as evil

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[1] The Gentiles, the unconverted.

ey may by your good works, which they shall
;lorify God in the day of visitation. Submit
:s to every ordinance of man for the Lord's
hether it be to the king as supreme, or unto
's, as unto them that are sent by him, for the
ent of evildoers, and for the praise of them
well. For so is the will of God that with well
› may put to silence the ignorance of foolish
is free and not using your liberty for a cloke
iousness, but as the servants of God. Honour
Love the brotherhood. *Fear God. Honour*
y. Servants, be subject to your masters with all
t only to the good and gentle, but also to the
For this is thankworthy if a man for conscience
God, endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

1 *Pet.* ii. 11-19.

JULY 22.

MORNING.

thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed,
ı thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will
e; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand
:ighteousness. Behold, all they that were in-
against thee shall be ashamed and confounded;
ll be as nothing, and they that strive with thee
rish. Thou shalt seek them and shalt not find
'en them that contended with thee; they that
inst thee shall be as nothing and as a thing of
For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right
ying unto thee: Fear not, I will help thee . . .

I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. . . . When the poor and needy seek water and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, the Lord will hear them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. *Isai.* xli. 10-18.

Evening.

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion; but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness; *incline thine ear unto me and save me.* Be thou my stronghold whereunto I may alway resort; thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence and my castle. . . . Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born; thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb; my praise shall be always of thee. O let my mouth be filled with thy praise; that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long. Cast me not away in the time of age; forsake me not when my strength faileth me. Go not far from me, O God; my God, haste thee to help me.

Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul: let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me evil. As for me, I will patiently abide alway, and will praise thee more and more. My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation: for I know no end thereof. *Ps.* lxxi. 1-18.

JULY 23.

MORNING.

If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from ig thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the sabbath light, the holy of the Lord, honourable: and shalt our him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine r pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then t thou delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause to ride upon the high places of the earth . . . the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. *Isai.* lviii. 13, 14.

Also, the sons of the stranger, that join themselves the Lord, *to serve him* and *to love the name of Lord*, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the ath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my cove- t. Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and e them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt rings and their sacrifices shall be acceptable upon e altar, for mine house shall be called an house of er for all people. *Isai.* lvi. 6, 7.

EVENING.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all accept- n, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save ers. 1 *Tim.* i. 15.

And by him all that believe are justified from all gs from which ye could not be justified by the law loses. To him give all the prophets witness, that ugh his name whosoever believeth in him shall re- remission of sins. *Acts* xiii. 39; x. 43.

The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things his hands. *He that believeth on the Son hath ever- ng life, and he that believeth not the Son shall ee life. But the wrath of God abideth on him.* *St. John* iii. 35, 36.

He that hath the Son hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John v. 12, 13.

Who after he had offered one sacrifice for sin, for ever sat down on the right hand of God. Heb. x. 12.

JULY 24.

MORNING.

When I wake up I am present with thee. Ps. cxxxix. 18.

As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works: so that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts, and I will also tell of thy greatness. The memorial of thine *abundant kindness* shall be showed, and men shall sing of thy righteousness. *The Lord is gracious and merciful, longsuffering and of great goodness.* The Lord is loving unto every man, and his mercy is over all his works. Ps. cxlv. 5-9.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, yea, he delivered me out of all my fear. So the poor crieth and the Lord heareth him, yea, he saveth him out of all his troubles. Ps. xxxiv. 4-6.

I waited patiently for the Lord: and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling. He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire, and clay; and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even a ksgiving unto our God. . . . Withdraw not thou mercy from me, O Lord; *let thy lovingkindness thy truth alway preserve me.* *Ps.* xl. 1-3, 14.

EVENING.

And when we cried unto the Lord God of our hers, the Lord heard our voice, and looked on our ction and our labour and our oppression. And the brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, with signs and with wonders. And he hath brought to this place, and hath given us this land, even a that floweth with milk and honey. And now be- I have brought the first fruits of the land which , O Lord, hast given me. And thou shalt set efore the Lord thy God, and worship before the thy God: *and thou shalt rejoice in every good which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee unto thine house.* . . . Then thou shalt say be- the Lord thy God: . . . I have not transgressed commandments, neither have I forgotten them . . . I have hearkened to the voice of the Lord my , and have done according to all that thou hast manded me. Look down from thy holy habitation, heaven, and bless thy people. . . . *Deut.* xxvi. 7-15.

These mercies the Israelites were directed to ac- wledge annually, to remind them of their obligations ve and serve God and to offer him their tribute of e and gratitude; and thus to render them more rful and liberal in the enjoyment of his bounty.

Scott's Bible.

heart and with all thy soul, to keep the
ments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I
thee this day *for thy good*? Behold the heav
heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the
with all that therein is. Only the Lord had
in thy fathers to love them, and he chose
after them, even you above all people, as
day . . . therefore . . . be no more stiffnec
the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lo
a great God, a mighty and a terrible, whic
not persons, nor taketh reward. *Thou sh*
Lord thy God; him shalt thou serve, to
thou cleave, and swear by his name. He is
and he is thy God, that hath done for the
terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

EVENING.

Jesus said, *Come unto me, all ye that*
laden,[*] *and I will give you rest.*

I am the bread of life; he that cometh

ever hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never hirst. *St. John* vi. 35.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, *He that believeth on e hath everlasting life.* I am that bread of life. This the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a may eat thereof and not die. He that eateth of bread shall live for ever. As the living Father th sent me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth , even he shall live by me. Labour not for the meat t perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto rlasting life, which the Son of Man shall give unto . Lord, evermore give us this bread. *St. John* vi. 47-58.

JULY 26.

MORNING.

Nevertheless they were disobedient; and rebelled inst thee, and cast thy law behind their backs . . . d they wrought great provocations. Therefore thou liveredst them into the hands of their enemies who xed them; *and in the time of their trouble when y cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven*; d according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them viours, who saved them out of the hands of their emies. But after they had rest, they did evil again fore thee; therefore leftest thou them in the hand of ir enemies . . . *yet when they returned and cried to thee thou heardest them from heaven*; and many es didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies; d testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring hem again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly and rkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments . . . and withdrew the shoulder and hardened their neck, *and would not hear. . . . Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them, for thou art a gracious and a merciful God.* Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us. . . . Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us: for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly. *Neh.* ix. 26–33.

EVENING.

Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people. . . . *Deut.* xxvi. 15.

O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! . . . Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One? *Hab.* i. 2–12.

Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. *Neh.* ix. 17.

I will declare mine iniquity, I will be sorry for my sin. *Ps.* xxxviii. 18.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments. *Ps.* cxix. 176.

My sins have taken such hold upon me, that I am not able to look up; yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me. O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me; make haste, O Lord, to help me. *Ps.* xl. 15, 16.

What time I am afraid I will trust in thee. *Ps.* lvi. 3.

Hear my prayer, O God, and hide not thyself from my petition. Take heed unto me, and hear me; how I mourn in my prayer and am vexed. As for me, I will all upon God, and the Lord shall save me. In the ening and morning and at noonday, will I pray and t instantly, and he shall hear my voice. Yea, even d that endureth for ever, he shall hear me.

Ps. lv. 1, 2, 17, 18, 20.

JULY 27.

MORNING.

Thus saith the Lord that made thee and formed ee from the womb, *which will help thee.* Fear not, Jacob my servant, and thou Jesurun, whom I have osen. For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, d floods upon the dry ground; I will pour my spirit on thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: d they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows y the water-courses. . . . Thus saith the Lord the ing of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of Hosts: *I m the first and I am the last, and beside me there is o God.* . . . Fear ye not, neither be afraid; have not I told thee from that time and have declared it? ye e even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? a there is no God; I know not any. . . . *I have formed ee; thou art my servant. . . . Thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins; return unto me, for I have redeemed thee.*

Isai. xliv. 2-22.

EVENING.

And they came to Jericho; and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimeus . . . sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.* And many charged him that he should hold his peace, but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. And they called the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way, *thy faith hath made thee whole*, and immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus in the way.

St. Mark x. 46-52.

* As blind Bartimeus cried, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me, so let all perishing sinners cry after him; and if any man attempt to deride, dissuade, and reproach them, let them take occasion from thence to cry the more earnestly for salvation. The same blessed words 'Be of good comfort' will be pronounced to every humble penitent that perseveres.

JULY 28.

MORNING.

The Lord only is righteous, and there is none other but he, who governeth the world with the palm of his hand, and all things obey his will; for he is the King of all, by his power dividing holy things among them from profane. To whom hath he given power to declare cs? and who shall find out his noble acts? Who mber the strength of his majesty? and who shall out his mercies? As for the wondrous works of rd, there may nothing be taken from them, may anything be put unto them, neither can ınd of them be found out. . . . What is man, and serveth he? What is his good and what is his The number of a man's days at the most are an l years. As a drop of water unto the sea and a one in comparison of the sand, so are a thousand the days of eternity. *Therefore is God patient em, and poureth forth his mercy upon them.* and perceived their end to be evil; *therefore he ied his compassion . . . the mercy of the Lord all flesh; he reproveth and nurtureth, and and bringeth again as a shepherd his flock.*

Ecclus. xviii. 2-10.

EVENING.

Lord will not cast off for ever; but though he rief yet will he have compassion according to titude of his mercies. For he doth not afflict y, nor grieve the children of men. Wherefore nan complain, a man for the punishment of his et us search and try our ways, and turn again to d. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto the heavens. We have transgressed and ; thou hast not pardoned. Thou hast covered ger and persecuted us; thou hast slain, thou pitied. Thou hast covered thyself with a hat our prayer should not pass through. . . . ıd a snare is come upon us, desolation and ion. . . . Then I said, I am cut off. I called ıy name, O Lord. . . . *Thou hast heard my* ıde not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.

Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee; thou saidst, fear not. O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; *thou hast redeemed my life.*

Lam. iii. 31-33, 39-44, 47, 55-58.

JULY 29.

MORNING.

I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not. . . I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way which was not good after their own thoughts; a people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face. . . . Ye are they that forsake the Lord. . . . Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter; because when *I called, ye did not answer; when I spake ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes,* and did choose that wherein I delighted not. Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed; behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart and shall howl for vexation of spirit.

Isai. lxv. 1-3, 11-14.

EVENING.

Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground; yet man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward. I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number. . . . Behold, happy

the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not
ou the chastening of the Almighty. For he maketh
re and bindeth up; he woundeth and his hands make
hole. He shall deliver thee in six troubles, yea in
ven there shall no evil touch thee. In famine he
hall redeem thee from death; and in war from the
ower of the sword. *Job.* v. 6–9, 17–20.

He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter,
d from the noisome pestilence. *He shall defend thee
nder his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his
thers*; his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield
d buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror
y night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day; for the
tilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the sick-
ss that destroyeth in the noonday. A thousand shall
ll beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand;
t it shall not come nigh thee. *Ps.* xci. 3–7.

JULY 30.

MORNING.

I will praise the name of God with a song, and
gnify it with thanksgiving. *Ps.* lxix. 31.

I will give thanks unto thee, O God, with my
hole heart. . . . I will worship toward thy holy temple,
d praise thy name because of thy lovingkindness and
uth, for thou hast magnified thy name and thy
rd above all things. *When I called upon thee thou
ardest me, and enduedst my soul with much
rength* . . . for though the Lord be high, yet hath
respect unto the lowly; as for the proud, he behold-
th them afar off. Though I walk in the midst of
ouble, *yet shalt thou refresh me*; thou shalt stretch

forth thine hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me. The Lord shall make good his lovingkindness toward me; yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not thou the work of thine own hands. *Ps.* cxxxviii. 1-3, 6-8.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me; *and lead me in the way everlasting.* *Ps.* cxxxix. 24.

Thou art my God; hear the voice of my prayer, O Lord. *Ps.* cxl. 6.

EVENING.

Seek ye the Lord and *his strength*;* seek his face continually. 1 *Chron.* xvi. 11.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near. *Isai.* lv. 6.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving. *Col.* iv. 2.

Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. *St. Luke* xxi. 34.

Be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 1 *Pet.* iv. 7.

Yet made we not our prayer unto the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth; therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us. *Dan.* ix. 13, 14.

Watch ye therefore and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man. *St. Luke* xxi. 36.

My brethren, *be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.* *Eph.* vi. 11.

* The gracious aid and protection of God were ensured to his people, when they sought him, as

lling between the Cherubim, above the Ark, refore the Ark itself is called 'his strength'; and implies that we must 'seek the Lord' through ist and according to the Gospel. *Scott's Bible.*

JULY 31.

MORNING.

He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and t he is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him. *Heb.* xi. 6.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be ed. *Acts* xvi. 31.

Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, be-eth not on me but on him that sent me. *St. John* xii. 44.

Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the ther; but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. *Let that therefore abide in you which have heard from the beginning.* If that which have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, shall continue in the Son and in the Father. 1 *John* ii. 23, 24.

And we have seen, and do testify that the Father t the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 1 *John* iv. 14.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the giveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. *Eph.* i. 7.

In whom . . . ye were sealed with that holy Spirit promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance, til the redemption of the purchased possession, unto praise of his glory. *Eph.* i. 14.

EVENING.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. *James* i. 17.

For the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him: *for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.* *Rom.* x. 12, 13.

As for me, I will call upon God and the Lord shall save me. Evening and morning and at noon will I pray and call aloud, and he shall hear my voice. *Ps.* lv. 16, 17.

I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me. *Ps.* lvii. 2.

For thou Lord art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. *Ps.* lxxxvi. 5.

Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee. *Job* xxii. 27.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him, he also will hear their cry and will save them *Ps.* cxlv. 18, 19.

AUGUST 1.

MORNING.

sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt
with me. Ps. xiii. 6.

be God, who hath not cast out my prayer,
his mercy from me. Ps. lxvi. 18.

ws are upon me, O God; I will render
to thee. Ps. lv. 12.

sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep
us judgments. Ps. cix. 106.

imes a day do I praise thee, because of thy
udgments. Ps. cix. 164.

is the man whose strength is in thee; in
t are thy ways. Ps. lxxxiv. 5.

rd will perfect that which concerneth me.
, O Lord, endureth for ever; *forsake not the*
ine own hands. Ps. cxxxviii. 8.

rd is my shepherd; therefore can I lack
He shall feed me in a green pasture, and
rth beside the waters of comfort. He shall
y soul, and bring me forth into the paths
sness for his name's sake. Yea, though I
gh the valley of the shadow of death, I will
l: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy
rt me. Ps. xxiii. 1-4.

EVENING.

Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *St. Matt.* iii. 2.

Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish. *St. Luke* xiii. 3.

Verily I say unto you, *Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven.* *St. Matt.* xviii. 3.

Repent ye therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. *Acts* iii. 19.

In that day, saith the Lord, I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon me, whom they have pierced. *Zech.* xii. 10.

In that day there shall be a fountain opened for sin and for uncleanness. *Zech.* xiii. 1.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lust thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness into sin; *but yield yourselves unto God,* as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. *Rom.* vi. 12, 13.

AUGUST 2.

MORNING.

And behold there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, ın thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he is hands on her; and immediately she was made ɪt, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synaanswered with indignation, because that Jesus ıealed on the Sabbath day, and said unto the : There are six days in which man ought to work; m therefore come and be healed and not on the th day. The Lord then answered him, and said: hypocrite, doth not each one of you loose his ox ass from the stall and lead him away to watering? ought not this woman . . . whom Satan hath , lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this on the Sabbath day? And when he had said things all his adversaries were ashamed; and all ople rejoiced for all the glorious things that were ›y him. *St. Luke* xiii. 11-17.

EVENING.

there not an appointed time to man upon earth? t his days also like the days of an hireling? . . . ıys are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are without hope. O remember that my life is . . . The eye of him that hath seen me, shall see more; thine eyes are upon me and I am not. cloud is consumed and vanisheth away, so he oeth down to the grave shall come up no more. all return no more to his house, neither shall his know him any more. *Job* vii. 1, 6-10.

e are but of yesterday and know nothing; because ıys upon earth are but a shadow. *Job* viii. 9.

e dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in ıst, which are crushed before the moth. *Job* iv. 19.

ıe dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease ıiet; his breasts are full of milk and his bones are moistened with marrow; and another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure. Thy shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worm shall cover them. *Job xxi. 23-26.*

And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee. *Ps. xxxix. 8.*

AUGUST 3.

Morning.

Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord. . . . As for me, *I am poor and needy, but the Lord careth for me.* Thou art my helper and redeemer; make no long tarrying, O my God. *Ps. xl. 1, 20, 21.*

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee. Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble, incline thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me and that soon. . . . My days are gone like a shadow; and I am withered like grass, my days are consumed away like smoke. . . . My heart is smitten down and withered like grass. . . . But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever, and thy remembrance throughout all generations. . . . O my God take me not away in the midst of mine age; as for thy years they endure throughout all generations. Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundations of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure; they all shall wax old as doth a garment and as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed, but thou art the same and thy [illegible] shall not fail. *Ps. cii. 1-27.*

EVENING.

ow we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are y, comfort the feeble minded, support the weak, tient toward all man. See that none render evil il unto any man : *but ever follow that which is* , both among yourselves and to all men. Rejoice nore. *Pray without ceasing.* In everything give s, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus rning you. *Quench not the Spirit.* Despise not esyings. Prove all things : *hold fast that which* od. *Abstain from all appearance of evil.* And ery God of peace *sanctify you wholly* ; and *I pray your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved less unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.* ful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. . . . race of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

1 *Thess.* v. 14-28,

AUGUST 4.

MORNING.

lory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, will toward man. *St. Luke* ii. 14.

Lord, how manifold are thy works, in wisdom thou made them all ; *the earth is full of thy* s. So is the great and wide sea also ; wherein are s creeping innumerable, both small and great s. There go the ships ; and there is that Leviathan, n thou hast made to take his pastime therein. e wait all upon thee : that thou mayest give them meat in due season. *Ps.* civ. 24, 27.

Thou hast a mighty arm; strong is thy hand and high is thy right hand. . . . God is very greatly to be feared . . . and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him. O Lord God of Hosts, who is like unto thee? Thou rulest the raging of the sea, thou stilleth the waves thereof when they arise.*

Ps. lxxxix. 8, 9, 14.

* Our Lord, when in the ship with his disciples, arose and rebuked a tempestuous wind and a raging sea, and there was instantly a calm.—In all our troubles and temptations be thou, blessed Jesus, with us, and then they shall never finally overwhelm us.

Bishop Horne.

As he stilled the stormy sea, he can still our stormy passions.

EVENING.

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences. Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and cleanse my from my sin, for I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me. Turn thy face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise. *Ps. li. 1-3, 9, 10, 17.*

O remember not our old sins: but have mercy upon us, and that soon: for we are come to great misery. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name; O deliver us and be merciful unto our sins for thy name's sake. *Ps. lxxix. 8, 9.*

Comfort the soul of thy servant, for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Be merciful unto me, O ord, for I will call daily upon thee. For thou, Lord, rt good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them hat call upon thee. *Ps.* lxxxvi. 3-5.

Thou art my helper and redeemer: O Lord, make no ong tarrying. *Ps.* lxx. 6.

AUGUST 5.

MORNING.

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered nto a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha eceived him into her house; and she had a sister alled Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and *heard his ord.* And Martha was cumbered about much serving nd came to him and said, Lord, dost thou not care hat my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her herefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and id unto her: Martha, Martha, thou art careful and oubled about many things: but one thing is needful, nd Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not e taken away from her. *St. Luke* x. 38-42.

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none pon earth, that I desire in comparison of thee. My esh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of y heart and my portion for ever. *Ps.* lxxiii. 24, 25.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will equire; even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to visit his temple. *Ps.* xxvii. 4.

EVENING.

And they journeyed from Mount Hor by way of the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spoke against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt, to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water, and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses and said: We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said unto Moses: Make thee a fiery serpent and set it upon a pole; *and it shall come to pass that everyone that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.* And Moses made a serpent of brass and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass he lived. *Num.* xxi. 4, 9.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: *that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* *St. John* iii. 14, 15.

AUGUST 6.

MORNING.

. he said unto his disciples . . . Take no thought r life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, shall put on. The life is more than meat, and y is more than raiment. Consider the ravens; y neither sow nor reap; which neither have ıse nor barn; and God feedeth them; how much e ye better than the fowls? and which of you king thought can add to his stature one cubit? ıen be not able to do that thing which is least, e ye thought for the rest? Consider the lilies, ey grow; they toil not, they spin not; and yet ıto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not like one of these. If then God so clothe the hich is to-day in the field, and to-morrow is cast e oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ttle faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. these things do the nations of the world seek ıd your Father knoweth that ye have need of ings. *But rather seek ye the kingdom of God, these things shall be added unto you.*

St. Luke xii. 22-31.

EVENING.

sed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; and aised and exalted above all for ever. Blessed ı in the temple of thy holy glory; and to be and glorified above all for ever. Blessed art at beholdest the depths and sittest upon the ns; and to be praised and exalted above all for

ever. Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kin
dom; and to be praised and glorified above all for ev
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; and abo
all to be praised and glorified for ever. O all ye wo
of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; praise and exalt h
above all for ever. O ye heavens, bless ye the Lo
praise and exalt him above all for ever. . . . O let t
earth bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above
for ever. . . . O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye t
Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ever. . . .
give thanks unto the Lord, because he is gracious,
his mercy endureth for ever. O all ye that wors
the Lord, bless the God of gods; praise him and g
him thanks, for his mercy endureth for ever.

Song of the Three Children (Apocrypha), i. 29-

AUGUST 7.

MORNING.

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying i
certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples s
to him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught
disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, s
Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be t
name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as
heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our da
bread. And forgive us our sins, for we also forgi
every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not in
temptation; but deliver us from evil. And he sa
unto them, Which of you shall have a friend and sh
go unto him at midnight and say unto him, Frie
lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine in his journ

o me, and I have nothing to set before him? :om within shall answer and say, Trouble me door is now shut, and my children are now n bed, I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto gh he will not rise and give him, because he end, yet because of his importunity he will give him as many as he needeth. *St. Luke* xi. 1-8.

EVENING.

I say unto you, *Ask, and it shall be given you; ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened*; for every one that asketh receiveth; and he eth findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall l. If a son ask bread of any of you that is a ill he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, r a fish give him a serpent? or if he shall ask ill he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being v how to give good gifts unto your children, h more shall your heavenly Father give the rit to them that ask him? *St. Luke* xi. 9-13.

7 of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing . For he that wavereth is like a wave of the 1 with the wind and tossed. For let not that k he shall receive anything of the Lord. *James* i. 5-7.

u canst believe, all things are possible to him veth. *St. Mark* ix. 23.

AUGUST 8.

MORNING.

Take diligent heed to do the commandment the law . . . to love the Lord your God, and to w in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your hea and with all your soul . . . rebel not against the Lo . . . God forbid that we should rebel against the Lor and turn from following the Lord. . . . But cleav unto the Lord your God. . . . Take good heed there fore unto yourselves, that ye love the Lord your God. And it shall come to pass that as all good things are come upon you, which the Lord your God promised you; so shall the Lord bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land, which the Lord your God hath given you. When ye have transgressed the covenant of the Lord your God which he commanded you . . . then shall the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you. *Joshua* xxii. 5, 19, 29; xxiii. 8, 11, 15, 16.

EVENING.

Thou art my defence and shield; and my trust is in thy word. *Away from me ye wicked; I will keep the commandments of my God.* O stablish me according to thy word that I may live, and let me not be disappointed of my hope. Hold thou me up and I shall be safe; yea my delight shall be ever in thy statutes. Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes; for they imagine but deceit. Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross. . . . My sh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of y judgments. . . . O give me not over to mine pressors. Make thou thy servant to delight in that hich is good. . . . O deal with thy servant according nto thy loving mercy; and teach me thy statutes. I n thy servant; O grant me understanding that I may ow thy testimonies. . . . Thy testimonies are wonrful. . . . Show the light of thy countenance upon y servant; and teach me thy statutes. . . . I call th my whole heart; hear me, O Lord . . . yea even nto thee do I call. Help me and I shall keep thy stimonies.

Ps. cxix. 114–145.

AUGUST 9.

MORNING.

The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock; and alted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

2 *Sam.* xxii. 47.

God is my strength and power, and he maketh my y perfect. . . . For thou art my lamp, O Lord, and e Lord will lighten my darkness. . . . With the erciful thou wilt show thyself merciful; and with the pright man thou wilt show thyself upright. With e pure thou wilt show thyself pure; and with the oward thou wilt show thyself unsavoury. And the flicted people thou wilt save; but thine eyes are upon e haughty, that thou mayest bring them down. . . . s for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is ied; he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

2 *Sam.* xxii. 33, 29, 26–28, 31.

He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.
Prov. ii. 7.

Who is God, save the Lord? or who is a rock, sav[illegible] our God? It is God that girdeth me with strengt[illegible] and maketh my way perfect. *Ps.* xviii. 31, 32.

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust, my buckler . . [illegible] and my high tower. *Ps.* xviii. 1, 2. *Bible version.*

EVENING.

God is jealous, and the Lord revengeth; the Lord revengeth and is furious; the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies. *The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked.* The Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers. . . . The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence; yea the world and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before his indignation? Who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him. *The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in him.* But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies. *Nahum* i. 2-8.

AUGUST 10.

MORNING.

The fool hath said in his heart; There is no God. ey are corrupt, and become abominable in their ings; there is none, that doeth good, no not one. e Lord looked down from heaven upon the children men, to see if there were any, that would understand, d seek after God. But they are all gone out of the y, they are altogether become abominable; there is ne, that doeth good, no not one. Their throat is an en sepulchre, with their tongue have they deceived: e poison of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is ll of cursing, and bitterness: their feet are swift to ed blood. *Destruction, and unhappiness is in their ays, and the way of peace have they not known: ere is no fear of God before their eyes.* Have they o knowledge that they are all such workers of mischief; ting up my people as it were bread, *and call not pon the Lord?* *Ps.* xiv. 1-8.

EVENING.

Go to now, ye that say, To-day, or to-morrow, we will o into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy nd sell, and get gain. Whereas ye know not what hall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is ven a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then anisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord ill, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye ejoice in your boastings; all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore *to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.* Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten, your gold and silver is cankered, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. . . . Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts as in a day of slaughter. *James* iv. 13, 17; v. 1-5.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. 2 *Pet.* iii. 10.

Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. *St. Matt.* xxiv. 42.

AUGUST 11.

MORNING.

Keep thy foot, when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools; for they consider not that they do evil. *Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven and thou upon earth*; therefore let thy words be few. For a dream cometh through the multitude of business, and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words. When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou hast vowed. *Better is it that thou shouldest not vow than that thou shouldest vow and not pay . . . fear thou God.* *Eccles.* v. 1-7.

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool . . . but to this man will I even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, embleth at my word. *Isai.* lxvi. 1, 2.

ar ye not me? saith the Lord: will ye not le at my presence? *Jer.* v. 22.

magnify the Lord our God; and fall down before tstool, for he is holy. *Ps.* xcix. 5.

EVENING.

us saith the Lord, which stretcheth forth the s, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and h the spirit of man within him.

vill pour upon the house of David, and upon the tants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of cations. *Zech.* xii. 1, 10.

d it shall come to pass, that before they call I swer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear. *Isai.* lxv. 24.

kewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for ow not what we should pray for as we ought; but irit itself maketh intercession for us with groanhich cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth earts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, e he maketh intercession for the saints according will of God. *Rom.* viii. 26, 27.

w I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus 's sake and for the love of the Spirit, that ye together with me in your prayers to God. . . . *Rom.* xv. 30.

at ye may stand perfect and complete in all the f God. *Col.* iv. 12.

AUGUST 12.

MORNING.

Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophecy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips: *but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me*, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear and understand: Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. . . . Whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught; but those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart: and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man.

St. Matt. xv. 7, 11, 17-20.

The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it?

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved. *Jer.* xvii. 9, 14.

None can heal or save us but God.

EVENING.

Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God; *for the day of the Lord is at hand*. . . . The great day of the Lord is near, it is near and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and

esolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of louds and thick darkness. . . . And I will bring dis-ress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, ecause *they have sinned against the Lord*; and their lood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh as e dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be ble to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath.
Zeph. i. 7, 14, 15, 17, 18.

Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the ppressing city! *She obeyed not the voice; she received ot correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew ot near to her God.* *Zeph.* iii. 1, 2.

Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which ave wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek eekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the ord's anger. *Zeph.* ii. 3.

AUGUST 13.

MORNING.

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God lmighty: just and true are thy ways, thou King of aints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify hy name? for thou only art holy; for all nations shall ome and worship before thee. *Rev.* xv. 3, 4.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his welling so high; and yet humbleth himself to behold he things that are in heaven and earth? *Ps.* cxiii. 5.

O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon his ame; tell the people what things he hath done. O t your songs be of him, and praise him, and let your lking be of all his wondrous works. Rejoice in his holy name; let the heart of them rejoice that seek t Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his fa evermore. Remember the marvellous works that hath done: his wonders and the judgments of h mouth. He is the Lord our God; his judgments are all the world. He hath been alway mindful of h covenant and promise, that he made to a thousan generations. *Ps. cv. 1-8.*

EVENING.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; *but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.* And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. *Gal. vi. 7-10.*

Even as I have seen they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed. *Job iv. 8, 9.*

He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity. *Prov. xxii. 8.*

To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward. As righteousness tendeth to life; so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death. They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the Lord; *but such as are upright in their way are his delight. Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished,* but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered. *Prov. xi. 18, 21.*

AUGUST 14.

MORNING.

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God n every remembrance of you. Always in every yer of mine for you all, making request with joy. r your fellowship in the gospel from the first day il now; *being confident of this very thing, that he ich hath begun a good work in you, will perform it til the day of Jesus Christ.* Even as it is meet for e to think this of you all, because I have you in my art. . . . For God is my record, how greatly I long ter you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. And this I ay, that your love may abound yet more and more in owledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve ings that are excellent; *that ye may be sincere and ithout offence till the day of Christ; being filled ith the fruits of righteousness,* which are by Jesus hrist, unto the glory and praise of God. *PHIL.* i. 2-11.

EVENING.

O tarry thou the Lord's leisure; be strong, and he hall comfort thine heart, and put thou thy trust in the ord.

Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last: and be gracious nto thy servants. O satisfy us with thy mercy, and at soon: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days f our life. Comfort us again now after the time that ou hast plagued us; and for the years wherein we ave suffered adversity. *Ps.* xxvii. 16; xc. 13-15.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peaçe whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Isa. xxvi. 3, 4.

And they were helped against them . . . (i.e. their enemies), for they cried to God in the battle, and he was entreated of them; because they put their trust in him. 1 Chron. v. 20.

And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: *for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee.*

Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust. Ps. ix. 10; xl. 4.

AUGUST 15.

MORNING.

And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying, Go ye into the village over against you, in the which, at your entering, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sate; loose him, and bring him hither. And if any man shall ask you, Why do ye loose him? Thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him. And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them. And as they were loosing the colt, the owner thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? And they said, The Lord hath need of him. And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set ıs thereon; and as he went, they spread their clothes he way. And when he was come nigh, even now at descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a d voice, for all the mighty works that they had n: saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the ne of the Lord; peace in heaven and glory in the hest. *St. Luke* xix. 29–38.

EVENING.

Now therefore, hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes l unto the judgments which I teach you. . . . Ye ll not add unto the word which I command you, ither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may ep the commandments of the Lord your God which I mmand you. . . . Behold I have taught you statutes d judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded . . . . Keep therefore and do them: for this is your dom and your understanding in the sight of the tions, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, rely this great nation is a wise and understand- people. For what nation is there so great who th God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in things that we call upon him for? and what nation there so great that hath statutes and judgments so hteous as all this law which I set before you this y? . . . Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget covenant of the Lord your God, which he made h you. . . . For the Lord thy God is a consuming , even a jealous God. *Deut.* iv. 1–24.

AUGUST 16.

MORNING.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him, rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. *Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.* For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. *And ye are complete in him,* which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ. Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you being dead in your sins . . . hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses. *Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.* COL. II. 6-14.

EVENING.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit; or whither shall I go then from thy presence? If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; if I go down to hell, thou art there also. If I take the wings of the morning, and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there also shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall

, then shall my night be turned to day. Yea,
ıess is no darkness with thee, but the night is
s the day; the darkness and light to thee are
e. For my reins are thine, thou hast covered
ıy mother's womb. I will give thanks unto
I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvel-
thy works, and that my soul knoweth right
y bones are not hid from thee: though I be
cretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.
es did see my substance, yet being imperfect:
hy book were all my members written: which
ay were fashioned, when as yet there was none
How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God:
reat is the sum of them! *Ps.* cxxxix. 6–17.

AUGUST 17.

MORNING.

› then be risen with Christ, *seek those things*
·e above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand
Set your affection on things above, not on
n the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is
Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life,
pear, then shall ye also appear with him in
Mortify therefore your members which are upon
ı; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection,
upiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
h things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the
of disobedience. In the which ye also walked
ne, when ye lived in them. But now ye also

put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphem filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not on to another, seeing that ye have put off the old ma with his deeds: and have put on the new man, whic is renewed in knowledge after the image of him tha created him.
Col. iii. 1-10.

EVENING.

And it shall come to pass when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind. . . . And shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart and with all thy soul: that then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee. . . . And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it: and he will do thee good and multiply thee. . . . And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. . . . And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the Lord and do all his commandments which I command thee this day. And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul.
Deut. xxx. 1-10.

AUGUST 18.

MORNING.

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body: and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him . . . knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done; and there is no respect of persons. *Col.* iii. 12-25.

EVENING.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, Ask what I shall give thee: and Solomon said, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father; and I am but a little child; I know not how to go out or come in. *Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart* to judge thy people, *that I may discern between good and bad*. . . . And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing, and God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life, neither hast asked riches for thyself . . . but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment. Behold I have done according to thy words; lo, I have given thee a *wise and an understanding heart*; so that there was none like thee before thee; neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee, and I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honour, so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee; and if thou wilt walk in my ways, and keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

1 *Kings* iii. 5–14.

AUGUST 19.

MORNING.

See I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil: In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply, and the Lord thy God shall bless thee. . . . *But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away*, and worship other gods and serve them; I denounce unto you this day that ye shall surely perish. . . . I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing, *therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live*; that thou mayest love the

Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him, for he is thy life. *Deut.* xxx. 15–20.

Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of Hosts; and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts. *Zech.* i. 3.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. *James* iv. 10.

EVENING.

And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord, in the presence of all the congregation, and spread forth his hands toward heaven; And he said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee in heaven, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart. . . . But will God indeed dwell on earth? behold the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee: how much less this house that I have builded? yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee this day. That thine eyes may be open towards this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there; that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant . . . and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and when thou hearest forgive. 1 *Kings* viii. 22–30.

AUGUST 20.

MORNING.

If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of t thy God, to keep his commandments, and his which are written in the book of the law, and turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine h with all thy soul (then the Lord thy God w compassion on thee). For this commandment command thee this day, it is not hidden fr neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, t shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to hea bring it unto us, that we may hear it and do it is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, W go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, may hear it and do it? But the word is v unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, t mayest do it. See, I have set before thee thi and good, and death and evil. *Deut.*

EVENING.

And he came out and went, as he was wo Mount of Olives; and his disciples also follo And when he was at the place, he said unto the that ye enter not into temptation. And he w drawn from them about a stone's cast, and knee and prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, b be done. And there appeared an angel unto h heaven, strengthening him. And being in an prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as great drops of blood falling down to the groun when he rose up from prayer, and was com disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow; and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. *St. Luke* xxii. 39–46.

Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger. *Lam.* i. 12.

It pleased the Lord to bruise him: he hath put him to grief;

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. *Isai.* liii. 10, 5.

AUGUST 21.

MORNING.

The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: to the end he may *stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God*, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. 1 *Thess.* iii. 12, 13.

By this we know that we love the children of God when we love God, and keep his commandments. *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous.* For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even our faith.* Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 *John* v. 2.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him and he in God. 1 *John* iv. 15.

Whoso denieth the Son, hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 1 *John* ii. 23.

EVENING.

And the men that held Jesus mocked him and smote him. And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophesy, who is it that smote thee? And many other things blasphemously spake they against him. And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together and led him into their council, saying, Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you ye will not believe; and if I also ask you ye will not answer me, nor let me go. *Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God.* Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth. And the whole multitude of them arose and led him unto Pilate. *St. Luke* xxii. 63–71; xxiii. 1.

I gave my back to the smiters and my cheeks to them that plucked out the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. *Isai.* l. 6.

AUGUST 22.

MORNING.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall ent them which are asleep. For the Lord hall descend from heaven with a shout, with of the archangel, and with the trump of God; ead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which and remain shall be caught up together with he clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort er with these words. *1 Thess.* iv. 13–18.

he God of all grace who hath called us unto al glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have while make you perfect, strengthen, stablish, . *1 Pet.* v. 10.

EVENING.

ord's delight is in them that fear him, and trust in his mercy. *Ps.* cxlvii. 11.

en they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, red them out of their distress. He sent his healed them, and they were saved from their m. O that men would therefore praise the his goodness, and declare the wonders that he he children of men. *Ps.* cvii. 19–21.

ll fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he hear their cry, and will save them. *Ps.* cxlv. 19.

man is he that feareth the Lord: him shall in the way that he shall choose. His soul ll at ease; and his seed shall inherit the land. t of the Lord is among them that fear him; ll show them his covenant. *Ps.* xxv. 11–13.

d the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear upon them that put their trust in his mercy, r their soul from death, and to feed them in of dearth. *Ps.* xxxiii. 17, 18.

AUGUST 23.

MORNING.

Of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have
need that I write unto you. *For yourselves kn*
perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a th
in the night. For when they shall say peace a
safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them,
travail upon a woman with child: and they shall n
escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, th
that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are
the children of light and the children of the day:
are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let
not sleep as do others, but *let us watch and be sob*
For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they th
be drunken, are drunken in the night. But let us, w
are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate
faith and love; and for an helmet the hope of salvati
For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obt
salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Thess. v. 1-*

EVENING.

Repent and turn yourselves from all your transgr
sions, so iniquity shall not be your ruin. *Ezek. xviii. 3*

I, even I, am he that blotteth out your transgr
sions for mine own sake, and will not remember t
sins. Thus saith the Lord, that made thee and form
thee from the womb, which will help thee.
Isai. xliii. 25; xliv.

Wash you and make you clean. Put away the e
of your doings from before mine eyes: *cease to do ev*
learn to do well; . . . though your sins be as scarl

be as white as snow; though they be red like they shall be as wool. *Isai.* i. 16-18.

ıcrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken ite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.
Ps. li. 17.

fore I abhor myself and repent in dust and
Job xlii. 6.

that time Jesus began to preach and to say, r the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
St. Matt. v. 17.

t ye therefore and be converted, that your be blotted out. *Acts* iii. 19.

AUGUST 24.

MORNING.

way of righteousness is life; and in the hereof there is no death. *Prov.* xii. 28.

ong and of a good courage. . . . Only be ng and very courageous, that thou mayest do according to all the law, which Moses my mmanded thee; turn not from it to the right the left, that thou mayest prosper whither-ou goest. This book of the law shall not t of thy mouth: but thou shalt meditate y and night, that thou mayest observe to do to all that is written therein, for then thou e thy way prosperous, then thou shalt have ess. Have not I commanded thee? Be l of a good courage: be not afraid, neither be ıayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee ver thou goest. *Josh.* i. 6-9.

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come . . . he will come and save you. *Isai. xxxv. 4.*

EVENING.

Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this land? What meaneth the heat of this great anger? Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt; for they went and served other gods and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not given unto them. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book. And the Lord rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day. The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law. *Deut. xxix. 24-29.*

AUGUST 25.

MORNING.

I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath or doubting. 1 *Tim.* ii. 8.

If thy people go out to battle against their enemy whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the Lord . . . then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

f they sin against thee (for there is no man that inneth not) and thou be angry with them and deliver hem to the enemy, so that they carry them away aptives unto the land of the enemy, far or near: yet if hey shall bethink themselves in the land whither they ere carried captives and repent and make supplication nto thee . . . saying, We have sinned and have done erversely, we have committed wickedness; and so return nto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, . . . nd pray unto thee. . . . Then hear thou their prayer nd their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and aintain their cause, and forgive thy people that have inned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein hey have transgressed against thee. *1 Kings* viii. 44–50.

EVENING.

Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being earied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it as about the sixth hour. Then cometh a woman of amaria to draw water; Jesus saith unto her, Give me o drink. . . . Then saith the woman of Samaria unto im, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of e, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have o dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and aid unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and ho it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou ouldest have asked of him, and he would have given hee living water. The woman saith unto him, Sir, hou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; rom whence then hast thou that living water? . . . esus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh f this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh f the water that I shall give him shall never thirst;

but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. *St. John* iv. 6-15.

AUGUST 26.

MORNING.

Only take heed to thyself and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but teach them thy sons and thy sons' sons. Specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children. And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds and thick darkness. And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire; ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice. And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments: and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. *Deut.* iv. 9-13.

EVENING.

And it came to pass when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the Lord and the king's house . . . that the Lord appeared to Solomon . . . and the

to him, I have heard thy prayer and thy
n that thou hast made before me: I have
his house which thou hast built to put my
for ever; and mine eyes and my heart shall
erpetually. *And if thou wilt walk before*
id thy father walked, *in integrity of heart,*
rightness, to do all that I have commanded
wilt keep my statutes and my judgments;
establish the throne of thy kingdom upon
ver. . . . But if ye shall at all turn from
ne, ye or your children, and will not keep my
ents and my statutes which I have set
, but go and serve other gods and worship
will I cut off Israel out of the land which I
them, and this house which I have hallowed
ne, will I cast out of my sight, and Israel
roverb and a byword among all people.

1 *Kings* ix. 1-7.

AUGUST 27.

MORNING.

God is great, and we know him not, neither
mber of his years be searched out. For he
ll the drops of water; they pour down rain
o the vapour thereof, which the clouds do
istil upon man abundantly. Also can any
the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of
cle? Behold he spreadeth his light upon
reth the bottom of the sea. For by them
the people, he giveth meat in abundance.
he covereth the light: and commandeth it

not to shine by the cloud that cometh betwixt. . . Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth. He directeth it, under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth. After it a voice roareth; he thundereth with the voice of his excellency. . . . God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he which we cannot comprehend. *Job* xxxvi. 32; xxxvii. 2-5.

EVENING.

And the Lord was angry with Solomon, *because his heart was turned from the Lord God* of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he kept not that which the Lord commanded. Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and *thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes which I have commanded thee*, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it, for David thy father's sake, but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom, but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen. 1 *Kings* xi. 9-13.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isai.* liii. 6.

He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him. *Heb.* vii. 25.

AUGUST 28.

MORNING.

The earth is the Lord's and all that therein is: the
pass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
he hath founded it upon the seas; and prepared it
the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the
; or who shall rise up in his holy place? Even
hat hath clean hands, *and a pure heart*, and that
not lifted up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to
ive his neighbour. He shall receive the blessing
e Lord; and righteousness from the God of his
tion. *Ps.* xxiv. 1-5.

Be thou my judge, O Lord, for I have walked inno-
ly; my trust also hath been in the Lord, therefore
I not fall. Examine me, O Lord, and prove me,
ut my reins and my heart. For thy lovingkind-
is ever before mine eyes; and I will walk in thy
. I have not dwelt with vain persons, neither will
ve fellowship with the deceitful. I have hated the
regation of the wicked, and will not sit among the
dly. O shut not up my soul with the sinners, nor
ife with the bloodthirsty. *Ps.* xxvi. 1-9.

EVENING.

And it came to pass in the fourth year of Hezekiah
that the King of Assyria came up against Samaria
besieged it. And at the end of three years they took
. . And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel
Assyria. . . . *Because they obeyed not the voice of*
Lord their God, but transgressed his covenant, and
hat Moses the servant of the Lord commanded, and
d not hear them and do them. . . . And Hezekiah

prayed before the Lord, and said, O Lord God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth. Lord, bow down thine ear and hear: open, Lord, thine eyes and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib which hath sent him to reproach the living God. Now therefore, O Lord our God, I beseech thee save us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord God, even thou only. Then Isaiah . . . sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel: That which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib, King of Assyria, *I have heard.* 2 *Kings* xviii. 9–12; xix. 15–20.

AUGUST 29.

MORNING.

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre. Then she runneth and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying, yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre and seeth the linen clothes lie; and the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the en clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. hen went in also that other disciple which came first the sepulchre, and he saw and believed. For as yet ey knew not the Scripture that he must rise from the ead. *St. John* xx. 1–9.

EVENING.

O Lord our Governour, how excellent is thy name n all the world! thou that hast thy glory above the eavens. . . . For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers: the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained. *What is man, that thou art mindful of him?* and the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him lower than the angels: to crown him with glory and worship. Thou madest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands: and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet; all sheep and oxen; yea and the beasts of the field: the fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea; and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas. O Lord our Governour, how excellent is thy name in all the world! *I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: I will speak of all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee*; yea my songs will I make of thy name, O thou most Highest. *Ps.* viii.; ix. 1, 2.

AUGUST 30.

MORNING.

Peter therefore was kept in prison; but *prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.* And when Herod would have brought him forth,

the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains; and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And behold the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands, and the angel said unto him, Gird thyself and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel: but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city, which opened to them of its own accord, and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him; and when Peter was come to himself he said, Now know I of a surety that the Lord hath sent his angel and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod.
Acts xii. 6–11.

EVENING.

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
St. Matt. xxvi. 41.

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith; quit you like men, be strong. 1 *Cor.* xvi. 13.

The end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 1 *Pet.* iv. 7.

Watch thou in all things, endure afflictions. Praying always, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance. *Eph.* vi. 18.

Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.
Jer. xxxiii. 3.

The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call to him. *For whosoever shall call upon the name the Lord shall be saved.* Rom. x. 12, 13.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. James iv. 8.

Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace; reby good shall come unto thee. Job xxii. 21.

Then shalt thou call and the Lord shall answer; n shalt cry and he shall say, Here am I. Isai. lviii. 9.

AUGUST 31.

MORNING.

The same day went Jesus out of the house and sat the seaside, and great multitudes were gathered sther unto him, so that he went into a ship, and ; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. And spake many things unto them in parables, saying, nold, a sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, ne seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and voured them up. Some fell upon stony places where y had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung because they had no deepness of earth; and when s sun was up, they were scorched; and because they d no root, they withered away; and some fell among orns, and the thorns sprung up and choked them; t other fell into good ground and brought forth uit, some an hundred fold, some sixty fold, some hirty fold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. St. Matt. xiii. 1-9.

Let us earnestly beseech the Lord, that by his grace ur hearts may become 'good ground,' and that the good seed of the Word may produce a large increase in our lives of all those good words and works which are through Jesus Christ 'to the praise and glory of God.'

Scott's Bible.

EVENING.

Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When anyone heareth the word of the kingdom and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the wayside. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns, is he that heareth the word, and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground, is he that heareth the word and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty. *St. Matt.* xiii. 18-23.

Let us be instant in prayer for that 'honest and good heart,' which is the only soil in which the good seed will spring up and grow and ripen with a rich increase. *Scott's Bible.*

SEPTEMBER 1.

MORNING.

ertain man named Ananias, with Sapphira, his
ıld a possession, and kept back part of the price,
e also being privy to it, and brought a certain
d laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said,
s, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to
ly Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of
d? While it remained was it not thine own,
er it was sold was it not in thine own power?
ast thou conceived this thing in thine heart?
ıast not lied unto man, *but unto God.* And
s hearing these words fell down, and gave up
ost; and great fear came upon all them that
hese things. And the young men arose, wound
, and carried him out and buried him. And it
ıut the space of three hours after, when his wife,
owing what was done, came in. And Peter
d unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land
much? and she said, Yea, for so much. Then
ter unto her, How is it that ye have agreed
r to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the
them which have buried thy husband are at the
ıd shall carry thee out. Then fell she down
way at his feet, and yielded up the ghost.

Acts v. 1–10.

EVENING.

And I saw a great white throne and him that sat on it, from whose face the heaven and the earth fle away; and there was found no place for them. And saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, an the books were opened; and another book was opened which is the book of life; and the dead were judge out of those things which were written in the books according to their works. And the sea gave up th dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. . . . . And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. *Rev. xx. 11-15.*

The fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. *Rev. xxi. 8.*

But he that overcometh shall inherit all things. *Rev. xxi. 7.*

SEPTEMBER 2.

MORNING.

Keep innocency and take heed unto the thing that is right, for that shall bring a man peace at the last. Flee from evil and do the thing that is right. For the Lord loveth the thing that is right. He forsaketh not his that be godly, but they are preserved for ever.

s *for the ungodly they shall perish,* and the
f the Lord shall consume as the fat of lambs;
as the smoke shall they consume away. . . . .
enemies shall feel thine hand; thy right hand
l out them that hate thee. Thou shalt make
e a fiery oven in time of thy wrath. The
ll destroy them in his displeasure, and the fire
nsume them. . . . . For they intended mis-
ainst thee. . . . . Therefore shalt thou put
flight, and the strings of thy bow shalt thou
dy against the face of them. I myself have
ungodly in great power and flourishing like a
y tree. I went by, and lo, he was gone. I
him, but his place could nowhere be found.
he *end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted*
e *last.* *Ps.* xxi. 8, 9, 10, 12; xxxvii. 30–39.

EVENING.

e call on the Father, who without respect of
judgeth according to every man's work, pass
of your sojourning here in fear: forasmuch as
that ye were not redeemed with corruptible
s silver and gold, ... but with the precious
Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and with-
, who verily was fore-ordained before the found-
the world, but was manifest in these last
r you, who by him do believe in God, that
im up from the dead and gave him glory;
r faith and hope might be in God. Seeing
e purified your souls in obeying the truth
the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren,
ye love one another with a pure heart fer-
being born again, not of corruptible seed, but

of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth for ever. *1 Pet.* i. 17-25.

SEPTEMBER 3.

MORNING.

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch, and of the rest durst no man join himself to them; but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women). Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folk and them which were vexed with unclean spirits; and they were healed every one. Then the high priest rose up and all they that were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life. *Acts* v. 12-20.

EVENING.

t the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison
ind brought them forth (Peter and John), and
o, stand and speak in the temple to the people all
rds of this life. And when they heard that, they
l into the temple early in the morning and
. But the high priest came and they that were
im and called the council together, ... and
the prison to have them brought. But when
icers came and found them not in the prison,
turned and told, saying, The prison truly found
t with all safety, and the keepers standing with-
fore the doors, but when we had opened we found
n within. Now when the high priest and the
ı of the temple and the chief priests heard these
, they doubted of them whereunto this would
Then came one and told them, saying, Behold
en whom ye put in prison are standing in the
and teaching the people. Then went the
ı with the officers and brought them without
e, for they feared the people. . . . . And when
ad brought them . . . . the high priest asked
saying, Did we not straightly command you that
ıld not teach in this name, and behold ye have
erusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring
an's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other
s answered and said, *We ought to obey God
than men.* The God of our fathers raised up
whom ye slew and hanged on a tree; him hath
alted with his right hand to be a Prince and a
r, for to give repentance to Israel and forgive-
sins. *Acts* v. 19–31.

SEPTEMBER 4.

MORNING.

Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the Lord hath said unto me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel? And the Lord anointed thee King over Israel. And the Lord sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight them until they be consumed. Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the Lord, but didst fly upon the spoil and didst evil in the sight of the Lord? And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and have gone the way which the Lord sent me, and have brought Agag, the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal. And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices as the obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubborness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, the Lord hath rejected thee from being king. 1 *Sam.* xv. 16-23.

EVENING.

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and almsdeeds

ne did. And it came to pass in those days that
sick and died, whom when they had washed,
d her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as
was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard
eter was there, they sent unto him two men,
g him that he would not delay to come to
Then Peter arose and went with them. When
come they brought him into the upper chamber;
. the widows stood by him weeping, and showing
ats and garments which Dorcas made while
s with them. But Peter put them all forth,
eeled *down and prayed*; and turning him to
dy, said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes;
en she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her
nd and lifted her up, and when he had called the
and widows, he presented her alive. And it was
throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the

Acts ix. 36–42.

e effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man
h much. *James* v. 16.

SEPTEMBER 5.

MORNING.

ow ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves ser-
to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey;
er of sin unto death, or of obedience unto right-
ss? But God be thanked, that ye were the ser-
of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that
f doctrine which was delivered you. Being then
free from sin, ye became the servants of righteous-
I speak after the manner of men, because of the
ity of your flesh; for as ye have yielded your

members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity iniquity, even so now yield your members servan righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the vants of sin ye were free from righteousness. W fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are n ashamed? *for the end of those things is death.* B now being made free from sin and become servants God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and *the en everlasting life.* For the wages of sin is death; bu the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ ou Lord. *Rom.* vi. 16-23.

EVENING.

How should man be just with God? If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand. He is wise in heart and mighty in strength; who hath hardened himself against him and hath prospered? Which removeth the mountains, and they know not; which overturneth them in his anger. Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. Which commandeth the sun and it riseth not, and sealeth up the stars. Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south. Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number. Lo, he goeth by me and I see him not. He passeth on also, but I perceive him not. Behold, he taketh away; who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou? *Job.* ix. 2-12.

What is man that thou shouldst magnify him, and that thou shouldst set thine heart upon him? and that thou shouldst visit him every morning and try him every moment? *Job.* vii. 17, 18.

SEPTEMBER 6.

MORNING.

e days came John the Baptist preaching in
ess of Judæa, and saying, Repent ye, for the
' heaven is at hand. For this is he that was
by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of
in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the
make his paths straight. And the same
is raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern
t his loins; and his meat was locusts and
. Then went out to him Jerusalem and
. . . and were baptised of him in Jordan,
their sins. But when he saw many of the
nd Sadducees come to his baptism, he said
, O generation of vipers, who hath warned
from the wrath to come? Bring forth
fore meet for repentance. . . . Now also the
unto the root of the trees; therefore every
bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down
to the fire. I indeed baptise you with water
tance; but he that cometh after me is
an I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear:
aptise you with the Holy Ghost and with
e fan is in his hand, and *he will throughly*
loor, and gather his wheat into the garner;
burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

St. Matt. iii. 1-12.

EVENING.

ere sate a certain man at Lystra, impotent
, being a cripple from his mother's womb,
had walked. The same heard Paul speak:
tly beholding him, and perceiving that he

had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked. And when the people saw what Paul had done they lifted up their voices, saying, . . . The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people: which when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of, they rent their clothes and ran in among the people, crying out, and saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein; who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways, nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them. *Acts* xiv. 8–18.

SEPTEMBER 7.

MORNING.

Be patient, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for *the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.* Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned; *behold the judge standeth* *fore the door.* Take, my brethren, the prophets who ve spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold we unt them happy which endure. Ye have heard of e patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord: at *the Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy.* t above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other th, but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay, lest fall into condemnation. *St. James* v. 7.

But let your communication be yea, yea, nay, nay: r whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

St. Matt. vi. 37.

EVENING.

Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou nd out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what nst thou know? The measure thereof is longer than he earth, and broader than the sea. If he cut off, or hut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him? For he knoweth vain men; he seeth wickedness also: will he not then consider it? For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt. . . . *Shall not his excellency make you afraid, and his dread fall upon you?* Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening. Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth. With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his. . . . In whose hand is the soul of every living thing and the breath of all mankind. *Job* xi. 7-12; xiii. 11; xii. 10-16.

SEPTEMBER 8.

MORNING.

I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast
up and not made my foes to triumph over me.
my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast heal
Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell;
hast kept my life from them that go down to t
Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his
give thanks unto him, for a remembrance of his hol
for his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an ey
in his pleasure is life; heaviness may endure
night, but joy cometh in the morning. And in
prosperity I said, I shall never be removed. . . .
didst turn thy face from me, and I was troubled.
Then cried I unto thee, O Lord; and gat me t
Lord right humbly. What profit is there in my bl
When I go down to the pit, shall the dust give th
unto thee; or shall it declare thy truth? *Hea*
Lord, and have mercy upon me; Lord, be thou
helper. *Ps.* xxx.

EVENING.

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabi
eternity, whose name is holy; I dwell in the high
lofty place, with him also who is of a contrite
humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble,
to revive the heart of the contrite ones. *Isai.* lvii

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is
kingdom of heaven. *St. Matt.*

Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased, an
that humbleth himself shall be exalted. *St. Luke* xiv

If my people, which are called by my name,

themselves and pray, and seek my face, and
n their wicked ways, *then will I hear from*
nd will forgive their sins. 2 *Chron.* vii. 14.

use thine heart was tender, and thou didst
hyself before God, I have even heard thee, saith
L. 2 *Chron.* xxxiv. 27.

lothed with humility; for God resisteth the
nd giveth grace to the humble. Humble your-
erefore under the mighty hand of God, that he
lt you in due time. *Casting all your care*
m, for he careth for you. 1 *Pet.* v. 5-7.

SEPTEMBER 9.

MORNING.

ch the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have
life, and they are they which testify of me.
St. John v. 39.

commandment is a lamp; the law is light; and
of instruction are the way of life. *Prov.* vi. 23.

e fast hold of instruction, let her not go; keep
she is thy life. *Prov.* iv. 13.

new-born babes desire the sincere milk of the
hat ye may grow thereby. 1 *Pet.* ii. 2.

the word of God is quick and powerful, and
than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the
asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints
rrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and
of the heart. *Heb.* iv. 12.

sed is the man that feareth the Lord; he hath
light in his commandments. *Ps.* cxii. 1.

Therefore lay apart all filthiness, and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye *doers* of the word, and *not hearers only*, deceiving your own selves. *James* i. 21, 22.

EVENING.

The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him, and the Lord shall cover him all the day long. *Deut.* xxxiii. 12.

When thou liest down thou shalt not be afraid; yea, thou shalt lie down and thy sleep shall be sweet. *Prov.* iii. 24.

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; * *the righteous runneth into it and is safe.* *Prov.* xviii. 10.

All things work together for good to them that love God. *Rom.* viii. 28.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? *Ps.* xxvii. 1.

He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. 1 *Sam.* ii. 9

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion, which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever. The hills stand about Jerusalem; even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore. *Ps.* cxxv. 1, 2.

* He is 'a *strong tower*;' that is, a sure defence to his people, a place of refuge to which they may fly, and be safely protected from all their enemies.

SEPTEMBER 10.

MORNING.

y there is a reward for the righteous; doubtless a God that judgeth the earth. *Ps.* lviii. 10.

appointed unto men once to die; but after judgment. *Heb.* ix. 27.

shall bring every work into judgment, *with cret thing*, whether it be good or whether it be *Eccles.* xii. 14.

we must all appear before the judgment-seat of that everyone may receive the things done in r, according to that he hath done, whether it be bad. 2 *Cor.* v. 10.

ause he hath appointed a day, in the which he ge the world in righteousness by that man whom ı ordained; whereof he hath given assurance . men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. *Acts* xvii. 31.

the Son of man shall come in the glory of the with his angels, and then he shall reward every cording to his works. *St. Matt.* xvi. 27.

EVENING.

pisest thou the riches of his goodness and for-e and long suffering: not knowing that the s of God leadeth thee to repentance? But ıy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up hyself wrath against the day of wrath, and on of the righteous judgment of God; who will to every man according to his deeds. To them r patient continuance in well doing seek for nd honour and immortality, *eternal life;* but

unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, *indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil*, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile. *But glory, honour, and peace to every man that worketh good*, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile. For there is no respect of persons with God.
Rom. ii. 4-11.

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the people *that forget God.* *Ps.* ix. 17.

SEPTEMBER 11.

MORNING.

And when he was gone forth . . . there came one running and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God. Thou knowest the commandments: Do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, defraud not, honour thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him, loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and *give to the poor*, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and *come, take up the cross and follow me.* And he was sad at that saying and went away grieved, for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter o the kingdom of God! . . . It is easier for a camel go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man enter into the kingdom of God. And they were tonished out of measure, saying among themselves, ho then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon em saith, With men it is impossible, but not with od; *for with God all things are possible.*

St. Mark x. 17-27.

EVENING.

If any man offend not in word, the same is a erfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. ehold we put bits in the horses' mouths that they ay obey us; and we turn about their whole body. ehold also the ships, which though they be so great, nd are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned bout with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor isteth. Even so, the tongue is a little member and oasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a ittle fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iquity; so is the tongue among our members, that it efileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course f nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind f beast, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in he sea, is tamed and hath been tamed of mankind; but he tongue can no man tame, it is an unruly evil, full f deadly poison. Therewith bless we God even the ather; and therewith curse we men which are made fter the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth roceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these hings ought not so to be. *James* iii. 2-10.

SEPTEMBER 12.

MORNING.

There is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth, which keepest covenant and showest mercy unto thy servants, *that walk before thee with all their hearts.* . . . But will God in very deed dwell with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heaven cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have built! Have respect, therefore, to the prayer thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my G to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which servant prayeth before thee. That thine eyes may opened upon this house day and night, upon the pl whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put name there: to hearken unto the prayer which t servant prayeth toward this place. Hearken, therefo unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy peop Israel, which they shall make towards this place. *He thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven, an when thou hearest forgive.* 2 Chron. vi. 14, 18–21.

EVENING.

When the heaven is shut up and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray . . . and confess thy name and turn from their sin when thou dost afflict them; then hear thou from heaven and forgive the sin of thy servants . . . and send rain upon thy land which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance. If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting or mildew, locust or caterpillars; if their enemies besiege n the cities of their land, whatsoever sore or what- · sickness there be. Then what prayer or what ication soever shall be made of any man, or of all ople Israel, when every one shall know his own sore is own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in ouse. *Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling* *and forgive*, and render unto every man accord- nto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest (*for only knowest the hearts of the children of men*). they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways so long ey live. 2 *Chron.* vi. 26-31.

SEPTEMBER 13.

MORNING.

hen Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye o superstitious. For as I passed by and beheld devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, e Unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly ip, him declare I unto you. God that made the l and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of n and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with s; neither is worshipped with men's hands; as gh he needed anything, seeing *he giveth to all life, breath, and all things; . . . for in him we live, move, and have our being;* as certain also of your poets have said, for we are also his offspring. For- ch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or r, or stone graven by art and man's device. And

the times of this ignorance God winked at; *but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.* Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he raised him from the dead.
Acts xvii. 30-31.

EVENING.

Oh, how plenteous is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, and that thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in thee, even before the sons of men! *Ps.* xxxi. 21.

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established. Whoso trusteth in the Lord happy is he. *Prov.* xvi. 3, 20.

Lo! this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us; this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. *Isai.* xxv. 9.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. Trust in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. *Isai.* xxvi. 3, 4.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deut.* xxxiii. 27.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. *Jer.* xvii. 7.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. *Lam.* iii. 25.

SEPTEMBER 14.

MORNING.

se days the multitude being very great, and
thing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto
saith unto them, I have compassion on the
, because they have now been with me three
have nothing to eat; and if I send them
ng to their own houses they will faint by the
divers of them came from far. And his
nswered him, From whence can a man satisfy
with bread here in the wilderness? And he
n, How many loaves have ye? And they said,
nd he commanded the men to sit down on the
nd he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks
, and gave to his disciples to set before them;
did set them before the people. And they
small fishes; and he blessed, and commanded
n also before them. So they did eat, and were
l they took up of the broken meat that was
baskets. And they that had eaten were about
and; and he sent them away. *St. Mark* viii. 1-9.

EVENING.

is man that thou shouldest magnify him?
hou shouldest set thine heart upon him? and
shouldest visit him every morning and try
moment? *Job* vii. 17, 18.

ord will command his loving-kindness in the
and in the night his song shall be with me,
ayer to the God of my salvation. *Ps.* xlii. 8.

xcellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! there-
ns of men put their trust under the shadow
gs. *Ps.* xxxvi. 7.

Blessed be the Lord, for he hath showed me his marvellous kindness. *Ps.* xxxi. 21.

It is a good thing to show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night. *Ps.* xcii. 2.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies. *Ps.* ciii. 4.

I will mention the loving-kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that he hath bestowed on us. *Isai.* lxiii. 7.

He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. *Luke* vi. 35.

I will both lay me down in peace and sleep; for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety. *Ps.* iv. 8.

SEPTEMBER 15.

Morning.

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen by them; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogue and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; that thine alms may be in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are; for they love to pray standing in the synagogues, and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and
ou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father
in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret
ard thee openly. But when ye pray use not
titions, as the heathen do; for they think that
l be heard for their much speaking. Be not
ore like unto them; for your Father knoweth
ngs ye have need of before ye ask him.

St. Matt. vi. 1-8.

EVENING.

heed to yourselves, lest at any time your
overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness
s of this life, and so that day come upon you
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St. Luke xxi. 34.

day of the Lord will come as a thief in the
which the heavens shall pass away with a great
d the elements shall melt with fervent heat;
also and the works that are therein shall be
.

2 *Pet.* iii. 10.

he Son of Man shall come in the glory of his
ith his angels; and then he shall reward every
rding to his works. *St. Matt.* xvi. 27.

d I come quickly: and my reward is with
ve every man according as his work shall be.
come quickly: Amen. Even so, come Lord

Rev. xxii. 12.

when thou comest may I be found *ready;*
and watching, my loins girded, and my
rning. 'In the hour of death and in the day
ent, good Lord deliver me.'

SEPTEMBER 16.

MORNING.

Let us go on unto perfection. . . . For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and put him to an open shame. For the earth which drinketh in the rain which cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: but that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing, whose end is to be burned. But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed towards his name . . . and we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. *Heb.* vi. 1-12.

EVENING.

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they

Son of man coming in a cloud with power and lory. And when these things begin to come to hen look up, and lift up your heads; for your ›tion draweth nigh. And he spake to them a : Behold the fig tree, and all the trees: when ow shoot forth, ye see and know of your own that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise en ye see these things come to pass, know ye that ıgdom of heaven is at hand. Verily I say unto ıis generation shall not pass away till all be fulfilled. n and earth shall pass away: but my words shall ss away. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any our hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and nness, and cares of this life, and so that day come ou unawares. *St. Luke* xxi. 25–34.

SEPTEMBER 17.

MORNING.

y not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves through and steal. But lay up for yourselves es in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth t, and where thieves do not break through nor for where your treasure is there will your heart . The light of the body is the eye; if therefore ye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of ss. If therefore the light that is in thee be ss, how great is that darkness! No man can wo masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. *Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

St. Matt. vi. 19–24.

Be zealous for God, and halt not betwixt Christ and the world; for no man can serve two masters; thou canst not serve God and mammon.

Evening.

Save me, O God; for the waters are come in, even unto my soul. . . . But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee, in an acceptable time. Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy, even in the truth of thy salvation. Take me out of the mire,* that I sink not. O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the water flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me. Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable; *turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies. And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble.* O haste thee, and hear me; draw nigh unto my soul and save it; O deliver me because of my enemies.

Ps. lxix. 1, 13–19.

Haste thee, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord. *Ps.* lxx. 1.

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* The sins of the world are here compared to deep mire into which the soul sinks and becomes inclosed and detained. Save me, O God, lest I sink.

SEPTEMBER 18.

MORNING.

the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all teaching and admonishing one another in ınd hymns and spiritual songs, singing with your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye rd or deed, do all in the name of the Lord iving thanks to God and the Father by him. ubmit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be ɜr against them. Children, obey your parents ings: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. provoke not your children to anger, lest they ›uraged. Servants, obey in all things your according to the flesh; not with eye service as ısers; *but in singleness of heart, fearing God. atsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, unto men;* knowing that of the Lord ye shall .he reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the rist. *Colos.* iii. 16–24.

EVENING.

ɪoul truly waiteth still upon God; for of him my salvation; he verily is my strength and my ı; he is my defence so that I shall not greatly e truly is my strength and my salvation: he is ɪce so that I shall not fall. In God is my nd my glory; the rock of my might, and in my trust. O put your trust in him alway, ye pour out your hearts before him, for God is our

Ps. lxii. 1, 2, 6–8.

e is none holy as the Lord; for there is none ɪee; neither is there any rock like our God.

1 *Sam.* ii. 2.

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my strong rock and my defence; my Saviour, my God and my might, in whom I will trust, my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge. I will call upon the Lord which is worthy to be praised, so shall I be safe from mine enemies. *Ps. xviii. 1, 2.*

SEPTEMBER 19.

MORNING.

Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air, they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? . . . for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. *St. Matt. vi. 25-34.*

EVENING.

Lord is my strength, and my shield, my heart
ı in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart
ı for joy, and in my song will I praise him.
Ps. xxviii. 8.

Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then
fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of
;hen shall I be afraid? *Ps.* xxvii. 1.
ill not be afraid for ten thousand of the people
ve set themselves against me round about.
Ps. iii. 6.

giveth power to the faint, and to them that have
ht he increaseth strength. *Isai.* xl. 29.
the time of my trouble I will call upon thee; for
ɜarest me. Among the gods there is none like
ιee, O Lord; there is none that can do as thou
All nations that thou hast made shall come and
› thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. For
rt great and doest wondrous things; thou art
one. I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with
heart; and will praise thy name for evermore.
Ps. lxxxvi. 7-10, 12.

SEPTEMBER 20.

MORNING.

lge not, that ye be not judged. For with what
ɜnt ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with
ıeasure ye mete, it shall be measured to you
And why beholdest thou the mote that is in
ther's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in
wn eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, let
l out the mote out of thine eye; and behold a beam
ıine own *eye? Thou hypocrite*, first cast out the

beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou
clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.
St. Matt. vii. 1-

Why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost th
set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand bef
the judgment-seat of Christ: for it is written, As
live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, a
every tongue shall confess to God. So then every o
of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not
therefore judge one another any more; but judge this
rather, that no man put a stumbling-block or an occasion
to fall in his brother's way. *Rom.* xiv. 10-13.

EVENING.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble: have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer. O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God; for unto thee will I make my prayer. O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy displeasure. Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul; O save me for thy mercies' sake. For in death no man remembereth thee, and who will give thee thanks in the pit? O Lord my God, in thee have I put my trust, save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me. How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes that I sleep not in death. Preserve me, O God; for in thee have I put my trust. I have set God alway before me, for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall. I will lay me down in peace and take my rest, for it is thou, Lord, only that makest me to dwell in safety.

Ps. iv. 1; v. 2; vi. 1, 4, 5; vii. 1; xiii. 1-3; xvi. 1-9; iv. 9.

SEPTEMBER 21.

MORNING.

ngs are naked and opened unto the eyes of
whom we have to do; neither is there any
ıat is not manifest in his sight. *Heb.* iv. 13.

, thou hast searched me out, and known me;
est my downsitting and mine uprising, *thou
dest my thoughts long before.* Thou art about
ıd about my bed, and spiest out all my ways.
*ere is not a word in my tongue, but thou,
nowest it altogether.* Thou hast fashioned
and before; and laid thine hand upon me.
ledge is too wonderful and excellent for me;
attain unto it. My reins are thine; thou
ed me in my mother's womb. I will give
to thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
ırvellous are thy works, and that my soul
ight well. My bones are not hid from thee;
e made secretly and fashioned beneath in the
ıe eyes did see my substance, yet being im-
ıd in thy book were all my members written,
by day were fashioned when as yet there was
em. How dear are thy counsels unto me, O
ıow great is the sum of them! *Ps.* cxxxix.

EVENING.

ve have no continuing city, but we seek one
Heb. xiii. 14.

ne yourselves whether ye be in the faith;
r own selves. Know ye not your own selves,
Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?
I pray to God that ye do no evil; . . . but

that ye should do that which is honest; . . . and this also we wish, *even your perfection. Be perfect*, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you. *2 Cor.* xiii. 5-11.

The God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. *Heb.* xiii. 20, 21.

Quicken me, O Lord, according to thy promise, that sin shall not have dominion over thy servants, and that thou wilt perfect that which concerns thy people. *Be thou pleased, O Lord, to perfect that which concerns my soul*, and make me delight to do thy will, O God.

SEPTEMBER 22.

MORNING.

Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is none else: I am God, and there is none like me. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things which are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure. . . . Hearken unto me, ye stout-hearted that are far from righteousness. I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry. *Isai.* xlvi. 9-13.

Thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it. *Therefore hear*

, *thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest* y, that sayest in thy heart, I am, and none else ne. . . . For thou hast trusted in thy wickedou hast said, *None seeth me.* Thy wisdom and wledge hath perverted thee: and thou hast said eart, I am, and none else beside me. Therefore il come upon thee: thou shalt not know from it riseth; and mischief shall fall upon thee; alt not be able to put it off; and desolation shall pon thee suddenly which thou shalt not know. *Isai.* xlvii. 7, 8, 10, 11.

EVENING.

sider and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten yes that I sleep not in death. My soul is sore but thou, O Lord, how long? Return, O Lord; iver my soul: O save me for thy mercies' sake. hy face to shine upon thy servant. Look upon be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto at love thy name. *Ps.* xiii. 4; vi. 3,4; xxxi. 16; cxix. 132.

ord, correct me; but with judgment, lest thou e to nothing. *Jer.* x. 24.

not far from me, for trouble is near: for there is help. O my strength, haste thee to help me. ee unto me and have mercy upon me: for I am and afflicted. Make thy face to shine upon thy , and teach me thy statutes. Forsake me not, : O my God, be not far from me. Make haste me, O Lord of my salvation. *Ps.* xxii. 11; xxv. 16; xxxi. 16; xxxviii. 21, 22.

od, in the multitude of thy mercy, hear me; me with the right hand of thy righteousness, y heart may be established unblameable in usness before thee at the coming of our Lord hrist. Amen.

SEPTEMBER 23.

MORNING.

Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. . . . Man dieth and wasteth away; yea man giveth up the ghost: and where is he? His days are determined: the number of his months are with thee; thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass.
Job xiv. 1, 2, 5, 10.

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am. Behold thou hast made my days as an handbreadth, and mine age is as nothing before thee. Verily every man at his best estate is altogether vanity. *Ps.* xxxix. 4, 5.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing that it is passed as a watch in the night.
Ps. xc. 4.

Teach me so to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom.

EVENING.

Conversation of our Lord with his Apostles on the evening on which he was betrayed.

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come, that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. And supper being ended (the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him), Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he was come from God, and nt to God; he riseth from supper, and laid aside garments: and took a towel, and girded himself. ter that he poureth water into a basin, and began to sh the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the vel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to non Peter; and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost u wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto n, What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt ow hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt er wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash e not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter th unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my nds and my head. *St. John* xiii. 1-9.

SEPTEMBER 24.

MORNING.

Conversation of our Lord—continued.

So after he had washed their feet, and had taken garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, ow ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master d Lord; and ye say well, for so I am. If I, then, your rd and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought wash one another's feet. For I have given you an ample, that ye should do as I have done to you. rily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater n his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he t sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye ye do them. I speak not of you all; I know whom ave chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel ainst me. Now I tell you before it come, that when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send, receiveth me; and he that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me. When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. Then the disciples looked on one another, doubting of whom he spake. *St. John* xiii. 19-22.

EVENING.

Conversation of our Lord—continued.

Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is to whom I shall give a sop when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or that he should give something to the poor. He then having received the sop went immediately out; and it was night. Therefore when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me, and, as I said unto the Jews, whither I go ye cannot come, so now I say to you. *St. John* xiii. 23-33.

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MORNING.

Conversation of our Lord—continued.

ittle children, yet a little while I am with you. all seek me; and, as I said unto the Jews, whither ye cannot come, so now I say to you. A new andment I give unto you, that ye love one er, as I have loved you, that ye also love one er. By this shall all men know that ye are my les, if ye have love one to another. Simon Peter unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus red him, Whither I go thou canst not follow me but thou shalt follow me afterwards. Peter said him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will own my life for thy sake. Jesus answered him, thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, , I say unto thee, the cock shall not crow till thou lenied me thrice. *St. John* xiii. 33.

eter little knew his own weakness. Doubtless he eft thus to fall, as he did a short time after, in to make him acquainted with his own heart, and ke him more humble and compassionate.

et him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest ll.

EVENING.

Conversation of our Lord—continued.

et not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, ve also in me. In my Father's house are many ions; if it were not so I would have told you. to prepare a place for you; and if I go and re a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may also. And whither I go ye know, and the place know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, *I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.* If ye had known me ye should have known my Father also; and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father, and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? . . . Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the very works' sake.

St. John xiv. 1-12.

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MORNING.

Conversation of our Lord—continued.

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. . . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. *And whatsoever ye ask in my name, that will I do,* that the Father may be glorified in the Son. *If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.* If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me; because I live ye shall live also. At that day, ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. *St. John* xiv. 10-20.

EVENING.

Conversation of our Lord—continued.

He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him. Judas said unto him, (not Iscariot,) Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, *If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.* He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings; and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. *St. John* xiv. 21-28.

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MORNING.

Conversation of our Lord—continued.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me ye would rejoice, because I said I go unto the Father; for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it has come to pass; that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you; for the prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. *St. John* xiv. 27-31.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

St. John xv. 9-13.

EVENING.

Conversation of our Lord—continued.

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them they had not had n; but now they have no cloak for their sin. He at hateth me, hateth my Father also. If I had not one among them the works which none other man did, hey had not had sin; but now have they both seen and ated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, hat the word might be fulfilled that is written in their w, They hated me without a cause. But when the omforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the ather, even the Spirit of truth which proceedeth from he Father, he shall testify of me. *St. John* xv. 20-26.

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MORNING.

Conversation of our Lord—continued.

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye annot bear them now. Howbeit when he the Spirit of ruth is come, *he will guide you unto all truth:* for he hall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me; for he shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I that he shall take of mine and shall show it unto you. A little while and ye shall not see me: and again a little while and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. . . . And ye now therefore have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. . . . I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again I leave the world, and go to the Father. *St. John* xvi. 12-16, 22, 28.

EVENING.

Conversation of our Lord—continued; *and his prayer just before his betrayal.*

His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee; by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold the hour cometh, yea is now come, that ye shall be scattered every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. *In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.* These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father the hour is come: glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. *St. John* xvi. 29-33; xvii. 1, 2.

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MORNING.

Christ's Prayer—continued.

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work thou gavest me to do; and now, O Father, glorify thou me, with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them; I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine, and all mine are thine and thine are mine, and I am glorified in thee.

St. John xvii. 3–10.

EVENING.

Christ's Prayer—continued.

And now I am no more in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one as we are. While I was with them in the world I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me have I kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee: and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.* *St. John* xvii. 11-20.

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MORNING.

Christ's Prayer—continued and ended.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word: that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them: that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee; but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them and I in them. *St. John* xvii. 20-26.

EVENING.

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isai. xxv. 9.

unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the
r I am God, and there is none else. *Isai.* xlv. 22.

lvation shall be for ever, from generation to
1. *Isai.* li. 8.

beautiful are the feet of him that publisheth
Isai. lii. 7.

m brought salvation: and his righteousness it
him. *Isai.* lxiii. 5.

all save his people from their sins. *St. Matt.* i. 21.

on of man is come to save that which was
St. Matt. xviii. 11.

ngels said to the shepherds, Unto you is born
Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
St. Luke ii. 11.

on of man is not come to destroy men's lives,
e them. *St. Luke* ix. 56.

ent not his Son into the world to condemn
, but that the world through him might be
St. John iii. 17.

ever shall call on the name of the Lord shall
Acts ii. 21.

e on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be
Acts xvi. 31.

Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
1 *Tim.* i. 1

OCTOBER 1.

MORNING.

Our Saviour Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. *2 Tim.* i. 10.

God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 *Thess.* v. 9.

According to his mercy he saved us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Titus* iii. 5.

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken of by the Lord himself, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him? *Heb.* ii. 3.

And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation, unto all that obey him. *Heb.* v. 9.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. *Heb.* vii. 25.

The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 1 *John* iv. 14.

We are justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ. *Rom.* iii. 24.

Christ Jesus, of God, is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. 1 *Cor.* i. 30.

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 *Cor.* i. 3.

Evening.

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh me. *Ps.* lxv. 3.

In the Lord have I righteousness and strength, even him shall men come. *Isai.* xlv. 24.

Incline your ear and come unto me, hear and your ul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant ith you. *Isai.* lv. 3.

Return ye backsliding children, and I will heal your ckslidings: behold we come unto thee, for thou art e Lord our God. *Jer.* iii. 22.

Christ is able also to save them to the uttermost that me to God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make tercession for them. *Heb.* vii. 25.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of ace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to lp in time of need. *Heb.* iv. 16.

But without faith it is impossible to please him, for e that cometh to God must believe *that he is* and that e is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. *Heb.* xi. 6.

Jesus said, Come unto me all ye that labour and are avy laden, and I will give you rest. *St. Matt.* xi. 28.

Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out. *St. John* vi. 7.

OCTOBER 2.

Morning.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; n the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and ill look up. *Ps.* v. 3.

Evening and morning and at noonday will I cry aloud; and God shall hear my voice. *Ps.* lv. 17.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I have cried unto thee daily. *Ps.* lxxxvi. 3.

O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee. I have called daily upon thee. Unto thee have I cried, O Lord: in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee (go before thee). *Ps.* lxxxviii. 1, 9, 13.

I call with my whole heart: hear me, O Lord, yea even unto thee do I call; help me and I shall keep thy testimonies. Early in the morning do I cry unto thee, for in thy word is my trust. Mine eyes prevent the night watches; that I might be occupied in thy words. Hear my voice, O Lord, according to thy loving kindness: quicken me according as thou art wont. Many there are that trouble me and persecute me. *Ps.* cxix. 145–157.

Deliver me from mine enemies, for I flee unto thee to hide me. O let me hear thy loving kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust; shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my heart unto thee. *Ps.* cxliii. 8, 9.

EVENING.

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: *for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.* Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

sus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot ter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of e flesh is flesh: and that which is born of the Spirit spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must born again: the wind bloweth where it listeth, and ou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell hence it cometh, and whither it goeth. So is every e that is born of the Spirit. *St. John* iii. 1-8.

OCTOBER 3.

MORNING.

Nicodemus answered and said unto Jesus, How can hese things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, rt thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these hings? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that e do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive ot our witness. If I have told you earthly things, nd ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you of eavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to eaven but he that came down from heaven, even the on of man, which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted p the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son f man be lifted up: *that whosoever believeth in him hould not perish, but have eternal life.* For God so oved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, hat whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but ave everlasting life. *St. John* iii. 9 16.

EVENING.

God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.
St. John iii. 17-21.

He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. *St. John viii. 12.*

Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. *Eph. v. 11.*

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. *Eph. vi. 11.*

The Lord said to Paul, I send thee to open men's eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. *Acts xxvi. 18.*

OCTOBER 4.

MORNING.

In the meantime, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing overed, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that hall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have poken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and hat which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be roclaimed upon the housetops. And I say unto you, y friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, nd after that have no more that they can do. But I ill forewarn you whom ye shall fear: fear him which fter he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I y unto you, fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for wo farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before od? But even the very hairs of your head are all umbered. Fear not therefore; ye are of more value han many sparrows. *St. Luke* xii. 1-7.

EVENING.

Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me efore men, him shall the Son of man also confess efore the angels of God: but he that denieth me efore men shall be denied before the angels of God. nd when they bring you unto the synagogues and nto magistrates and powers, take ye no thought how r what thing ye shall answer or what ye shall say. For he Holy Ghost shall teach you what ye ought to say. *St. Luke* xii. 8-11.

Whatsoever shall be given you in that hour that peak ye; for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. *St. Mark* xiii. 11.

It shall be given you in that same hour what ye hall speak; for it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit f your Father which speaketh in you. *St. Matt.* x. 19, 20.

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are ealed unto the day of redemption. *Eph.* iv. 30.

OCTOBER 5.

MORNING.

And behold there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and when he saw Jesus he fell at his feet, and besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee come and lay thine hands on her that she may be healed; and she shall live. And Jesus went with him, and much people followed him and thronged him. . . . While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, *only believe*. . . . And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. And he took the damsel by the hand and saith unto her, Talitha cumi: which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee arise. And straightway the damsel arose and walked, for she was of the age of twelve years. *St. Mark* v. 22-24, 35-42.

EVENING.

I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me. *Ps.* xiii. 6.

sed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with even the God of our salvation. *Ps.* lxviii. 19.

s the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his *Ps.* ciii. 2.

ı hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord, g to thy word. *Ps.* cxix. 65.

precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O w great is the sum of them! If I should count ıey are more in number than the sand: when I am still with thee. *Ps.* cxxxix. 17, 18.

t shall I render unto the Lord for all his unto me? I will take the cup of salvation, and ı the name of the Lord. *Ps.* cxvi. 12, 13.

ıed be God, which hath not turned away my ıor his mercy from me. *Ps.* lxvi. 20.

'e the Lord, because he hath heard my voice supplications. Because he hath inclined his me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I *Ps.* cxvi. 1, 2.

ι art my God, and I will praise thee; thou art and I will exalt thee. *Ps.* cxviii. 28.

OCTOBER 6.

MORNING.

her parable put he forth unto them, saying, gdom of heaven is likened unto a man which ıod seed in his field. But while men slept, his ame and sowed tares among the wheat and way. But when the blade was sprung up, and forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay, lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn. *St. Matt.* xiii. 24-30.

EVENING.

Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house; and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that sowed the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom, but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered, and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, *and them which do iniquity*; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

St. Matt. xiii. 36-43.

OCTOBER 7.

MORNING.

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, he kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard ed, which a man took and sowed in his field: which deed is the least of all seeds, but when it is grown, it the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so at the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches ereof. Another parable spake he unto them: The ingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman ok, and hid in three measures of meal till the whole as leavened. All these things spake Jesus unto the ultitudes in parables, and without a parable spake he ot unto them: that it might be fulfilled by the rophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables: I ill utter things which have been kept secret from the undation of the world. . . . Again the kingdom of eaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which hen a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof oeth and selleth all that he hath and buyeth that field.

St. Matt. xiii. 31–44.

EVENING.

Again the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merhant man, seeking goodly pearls. Who, when he had ound one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he ad and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is ike unto a net, that was cast into the sea and gathered of every kind. Which, when it was full, they drew to hore, and sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. *So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into* *the furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.* Jesus said unto them: Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. . . . And it came to pass that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence. And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? . . . Whence then hath this man all these things? *St. Matt.* xiii. 45–[illegible]

OCTOBER 8.

MORNING.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. *Eph.* iv. [illegible] 31.

In malice be ye children; but in understanding be ye men. 1 *Cor.* xiv. [illegible] 20.

But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. *Col.* iii. [illegible] 8.

Laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings. 1 *Pet.* ii. [illegible] 1.

Abstain from all appearance of evil; the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. 1 *Pet.* iii. [illegible] 12.

Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. Christ gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity. 2 *Tim.* ii. 14–[illegible]–19.

Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. 3 *John* [illegible] 11

Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing. *St. Luke* xii. 43.

God will render to every man according to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, *eternal life*: but unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, *indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish,* upon every soul of man that doeth evil. *Rom.* ii. 7-9.

EVENING.

The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The righteous cry and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. *Ps.* iv. 3; xxxiv. 15, 17.

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord; but the prayer of the upright is his delight. The Lord is far from the wicked; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. *Prov.* xv. 8, 29.

I will that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 1 *Tim.* ii. 8.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. *James* v. 16.

Quicken us and we will call on thy name. *Ps.* lxxx. 18.

The spirit helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father. *Rom.* viii. 15, 26.

Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father. *Gal.* iv. 6.

OCTOBER 9.

MORNING.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. God is king of all the earth; sing ye praises with understanding. Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High. *Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me.* Sing forth the honour of his name, make his praise glorious. All the earth shall sing to thy holy Name. Sing unto God, sing praises to his name, extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name Jah. I will praise the name of God with a song, I will magnify him with thanksgiving. For it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High. To show forth *thy loving kindness every morning, and thy faithfulness every night.* Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

Ex. xv. 11; 1. *Chron.* xvi. 25; *Ps.* xlvii. 7; l. 14, 23; lxvi. 2, 4; lxviii. 4; lxix. 30; xcii. 1, 2; cxlv. 3; cl. 6.

EVENING.

O my God! thy law is within my heart. Thy words have I hid within my heart that I should not sin against thee. My soul shall be satisfied: when I remember thee upon my bed and meditate on thee in the night watches. I will meditate on all thy works, and talk of thy doings. I will meditate on thy precepts, and have respect to thy ways. I will be occupied in thy commandments. *O let my heart be sound in thy* ȝ: that I be not ashamed. O take not the word truth utterly out of my mouth; for my hope is judgments. So shall I keep thy law for ever ꞉r. And my delight shall be in thy command- which I have loved. My hands also will I lift ɔ thy commandments . . . and my study shall ıy statutes. I have applied my heart to fulfil ꞉utes alway, even unto the end. Hold thou me I shall be safe; yea, my delight shall be ever in ꞉utes. O stablish me according to thy word that live. . . . Thou art my defence and shield, and ıt is in thy word.

Ps. xl. 8; cxix. 11; lxiii. 6; lxxvii. 12; cxix. 15.

OCTOBER 10.

MORNING.

u, Lord, only makest me to dwell in safety. Thou Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. ırd is my strength and my shield; my heart in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart rejoiced; and with my song will I praise him. e glad and rejoice in thee; I will sing praise to ne, O thou Most High. Thus will I bless thee live, I will lift up my hands in thy name. I walk through the valley of the shadow of ꞉ will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod ʳ staff they comfort me. In thee, O Lord, do I ꞉hou wilt hear, O Lord my God. Blessed is the at trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Be not a terror unto me; thou art my hope in the day of evil. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul, therefore will I hope in him. Lead my in thy truth and teach me; thou art the God of my salvation. On thee do I wait all the day.

Ps. iv. 8; lxxxix. 26; xxviii. 7; ix. 2; lxiii. 4; xxiii. 4; xxxviii. 15;
Jer. xvii. 7, 17; *Ps.* xxv. 5.

EVENING.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained: What is man that thou art mindful of him? or the Son of man that thou visitest him? The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handy work: day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory. O give thanks unto the Lord. . . . Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever. . . . Who hath made great lights, for his mercy endureth for ever; the sun to rule the day, for his mercy endureth for ever; the moon and the stars to govern the night, for his mercy endureth for ever. . . . O give thanks unto the God of heaven; for his mercy endureth for ever. *Ps.* viii. 3; xix. 1–4; xcvii. 6; cxxxvi. 5–8, 26.

OCTOBER 11.

MORNING.

e, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, t shall give thee light. *Eph.* v. 14.

the Baptist came, preaching and saying, Re- or the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Bring refore, fruits meet for repentance. . . . And the axe is laid unto the root of the trees; which bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn cast into the fire. *St. Matt.* iii. 1, 8, 10.

said, I came not to call the righteous, but repentance. *St. Luke* v. 32.

came preaching the Gospel of the kingdom nd saying, The time is fulfilled, and the king- God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the *St. Mark* i. 14, 15.

began he to upbraid the cities wherein is mighty works were done, because they re- t; saying, Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto saida! for if the mighty works which were ou, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they e repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre at the day of judgment than for you. *St. Matt.* xi. 20-21, 22.

EVENING.

ople have forgotten me days without number. *Jer.* ii. 32.

have perverted their way, and have forgotten their God. *Jer.* iii. 21.

rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and tten the God that formed thee. *Deut.* xxxii. 18.

The children of Israel forgat the Lord, therefore the anger of the Lord was hot against them. *Judg.* iii. 7.

And when they forgat the Lord their God, he sold them into the hand of their enemies. 1. *Sam.* xii. 9.

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. *Ps.* ix. 17.

Beware lest thou forget the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments. *Deut.* viii. 11.

Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; *cease to do evil, learn to do well.* Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. *Isai.* i. 16, 18.

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that *Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.* 1 *Tim.* i. 15.

OCTOBER 12.

MORNING.

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money: come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an ever-ng covenant with you. . . . Seek ye the Lord e he may be found, call ye upon him while he is . Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to God, *for he will abundantly pardon.* For my ghts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are er than the earth, so are my ways higher than your , and my thoughts than your thoughts. *Isai.* lv. 1-9.

EVENING.

Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God y on your behalf, for the grace of God which is n you by Jesus Christ: . . . who shall also confirm unto the end, *that ye may be blameless in the day ur Lord Jesus Christ.* . . . Ye are Christ's, and st is God's. Know ye not that your body is the le of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye of God, and *ye are not your own?* For ye are ht with a price: therefore glorify God in your and in your spirit, which are God's. There hath emptation taken you, but such as is common to ; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be pted above that ye are able, but will with the ptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be to bear it. 1 *Cor.* 1, 3, 4, 8; iii. 23; vi. 19, 20; x. 13.

OCTOBER 13.

MORNING.

And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way to thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God. *St. Mark* ii. 3-12.

EVENING.

We believe that, through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we shall be saved. *Acts* xv. 11.

There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. *Acts* iv. 12.

Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance . . . and forgiveness of sins. *Acts* v. 31.

If thou shalt confess the Lord Jesus with thy mouth, *and shalt believe in thine heart* that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. *Rom.* x. 9.

Christ gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. *Tit.* ii. 14.

The Son of man came to give his life a ransom for many. *St. Matt.* xx. 28.

He delivereth us from the wrath to come. 1 *Thess.* i. 10.

There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. 1 *Tim.* ii. 5.

Who maketh intercession for us. *Rom.* viii. 34.

He ever liveth to make intercession for us. *Heb.* vii. 25.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 1 *John* ii. 1.

OCTOBER 14.

MORNING.

Then Peter opened his mouth and said, Of a truth perceive that God is no respecter of persons. But in very nation *he that feareth him and worketh righteousess, is accepted with him.* The word which God sent nto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus hrist: (he is Lord of all:) that word, I say, ye know, hich was published throughout all Judæa, and began om Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; ow God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy host and with power; who went about doing good, d healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for

God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: him God raised up the third day and showed him openly, not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. *Acts* x. 34-42.

EVENING.

The Pharisees came to Jesus and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh; so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband and be married to another, she committeth adultery. *St. Mark* x. 2-12.

OCTOBER 15.

MORNING.

ıs the Father raiseth up the dead and quickeneth ven so the Son quickeneth whom he will. . . . erily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and when the dead shall hear the voice of the rod; and they that hear shall live. . . . Marvel ıis; for the hour is coming in the which all in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall th; they that have done good unto the resur- ıf life; and they that have done evil unto the ion of damnation. *St. John* v. 21-29.

use he hath appointed a day in the which he ge the world in righteousness by that man ıe hath ordained; whereof he hath given e to all men, in that he hath raised him from . *Acts* xvii. 31.

shall bring every work into judgment, *with every ing*, whether it be good or whether it be evil. *Eccles.* xii. 14.

EVENING.

re the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost ır, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thence- ıd for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be under foot of men. Ye are the light of the A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. lo men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, ı candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that e house. Let your light so shine before men y may see your good works, and glorify your which is in heaven. Think not that I am destroy the law and the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. But whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. *St. Matt.* v. 17-20.

OCTOBER 16.

MORNING.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way; first, be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing. *St. Matt.* v. 21-26.

EVENING.

Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them f old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt erform unto the Lord thine oaths: but I say unto you, *wear not at all*: neither by heaven; for it is God's hrone: nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither y Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. leither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou ast not make one hair white or black. But let your mmunication be, Yea, yea; nay, nay: for whatsoever more than these, cometh of evil. Ye have heard that hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for tooth. But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil; at whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at e law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak so. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and om him that would borrow of thee, turn not thou ay. *St. Matt.* v. 33–42.

OCTOBER 17.

MORNING.

And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there me unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, rd, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievsly tormented. And Jesus said unto him, I will come d heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my of; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be ealed. For I am a man under authority, having ldiers under me: and I say unto this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way, and *as thou hast believed*, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the self-same hour. *St. Matt.* viii. 5-13.

EVENING.

The fear of the Lord tendeth to life; and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil. *Prov.* xix. 23.

The fear of the Lord prolongeth days; but the years of the wicked shall be shortened. The hope of the righteous shall be gladness; but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. The way of the Lord is strength to the upright; but *destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity*. The righteous shall never be removed; but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth. The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom; but the froward tongue shall be cut out. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable; but the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness. . . . Riches profit not in the day of wrath; but righteousness delivereth from death. The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way; but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them; but ansgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness. Then a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish; nd the hope of unjust men perisheth.

Prov. x. 27-32; xi. 4-7.

OCTOBER 18.

MORNING.

And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw is wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he ouched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose nd ministered unto them. When the even was come, hey brought unto him many that were possessed with evils; and he cast out the spirits with his word, and ealed all that were sick; that it might be fulfilled hich was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, *Himelf took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.* Now hen Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave ommandment to depart unto the other side. And a ertain scribe came, and said unto him, Master I will ollow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus saith nto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air ave nests: but the Son of man hath not where to lay is head.

St. Matt. viii. 14-20.

EVENING.

Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge; but he hat hateth reproof is brutish. . . . Poverty and shame hall be to him that refuseth instruction; but he that egardeth reproof shall be honoured. . . . Whoso depiseth the word shall be destroyed; but he that feareth he commandment shall be rewarded. A good man obtaineth favour of the Lord; but a man of wicked devices will he condemn. . . . There shall no evil happen to the just; but the wicked shall be filled with mischief. *Lying lips are abomination to the Lord; but they that deal truly are his delight.* . . . The lip of truth shall be established for ever; but a lying tongue is but for a moment. *He that speaketh lies shall not escape: he shall perish.* Liars shall have their portion in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone. A righteous man hateth lying. In the way of righteousness is life, and in the pathway thereof there is no death. *Prov.* xii. and xiii.; *Rev.* xxi. 8.

OCTOBER 19.

MORNING.

And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And behold there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves; but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us; we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?

St. Matt. viii. 23-27.

So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble; he delivereth them out of their distress. For he maketh the storm to cease; so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they are at rest; and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be. O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness; and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men. *Ps.* cvii. 28–31.

EVENING.

The Lord hath granted his loving kindness in the day time; and in the night season will I sing of him, and make my prayer unto the God of my life. I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me; why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me? *Ps.* xlii. 10, 11.

Let my complaint come before thee, O Lord; give me understanding according to thy word. Let my upplication come before thee; deliver me according o thy word. My lips shall speak of thy praise; when hou hast taught me thy statutes. Yea, my tongue hall sing of thy word; for all thy commandments are ighteous. Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen hy commandments. I have longed for thy saving ealth, O Lord; and in thy law is my delight. O let ay soul live and it shall praise thee; and thy judgents shall help me. I have gone astray like a sheep hat is lost; O seek thy servant, for I do not forget hy commandments. *Ps.* cxix. 169–176.

OCTOBER 20.

MORNING.

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to e Lord; but *the prayer of the upright is his delight.* he way of the wicked is an abomination unto the ord; but *he loveth him that followeth after righteous-*

ness. . . . The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord; but the words of the pure are pleasant words. He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house. The Lord is far from the wicked; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul; but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.*

Prov. xv. 8, 9, 26, 29, 32.

Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; though hand join in hand they shall not be unpunished. There is a way that seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Prov. xvi. 5, 25.

* An humble, teachable temper, attended with patient endurance of reproof, is one of the things that accompany salvation. 'This man possesseth a heart; he is to be numbered among the wise.' *Scott's Bible.*

EVENING.

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and *the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the Gospel.* Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the ship, with the hired servants, and went after him. And they went nto Capernaum, and straightway on the Sabbath day e entered into the synagogue, and taught. And they ere astonished at his doctrine; for he taught them as ne having authority, and not as the scribes.

St. Mark i. 14-22.

OCTOBER 21.

MORNING.

There is a time to be born and a time to die.

Eccles. iii. 2.

I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to he house appointed for all living. When a few years re come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not eturn. *Job* xxx. 23; xvi. 22.

If I wait, the grave is my house; I have made my ed in the darkness. I have said to corruption, Thou rt my father; to the worm, Thou art my mother and ny sister. *Job* xvii. 13, 14.

All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn gain unto dust. *Job* xxxiv. 15.

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? hall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

Ps. lxxxix. 48.

Man being in honour abideth not; he is like the easts that perish. He shall go to the generation of is fathers; they shall never see light. *Ps.* xlix. 12, 19.

Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall eed on them; and their beauty shall consume in the rave. . . . But God will redeem my soul from the power f the grave, for he shall receive me. *Ps.* xlix. 14, 15.

Therefore my heart is glad; and my glory rejoiceth; ny flesh also shall rest in hope. *Ps.* xvi. 9.

For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. Job xix. 25.

EVENING.

And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace; for he mightily *convinced the Jews, and that publicly, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.* Acts xviii. 24.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God; God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 1 John iv. 15.

If we deny him, he also will deny us. 2 Tim. ii. 12.

OCTOBER 22.

MORNING.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. I will bless thee while I live. I will praise thee, with my whole heart. Every day will I bless thee, and will praise thy name for ever and ever. My tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long. I will bless the ord at all times; his praise shall be continually in y mouth. I will praise the Lord *with my whole art.* Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; my ps shall utter praise when thou hast taught me thy atutes. I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing ith the understanding also. In the midst of theconegation will I praise thee. I will offer in his bernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing praises unto e Lord. For the Lord is good; his mercy is eversting, and his truth endureth to all generations. I ill sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bounfully with me. The earth is full of the goodness of e Lord.

Ps. lvii. 15; lxiii. 4; cxxxviii. 1; cxi. 1; cxlv. 2; xxxv. 28; xxxiv. 1; cxix. 175; 1 Cor. xiv. 15; xxii. 22; xxvii. 6; c. 5; xiii. 6; xxxiii. 5.

EVENING.

Paul having passed through the upper coasts came Ephesus; and finding certain disciples, he said unto em, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye beeved? And they said unto him, We have not so uch as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? nd they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, hn verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, ying unto the people, that they should believe on m that should come after him; that is, on Christ sus. When they heard this they were baptized in e name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid s hands on them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and ey spake with other tongues and prophesied. . . . nd he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for e space of three months, disputing and persuading the ings concerning the kingdom of God. But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus; and this continued by the space of two years; so that all they that dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. *Acts* xix. 1-10.

OCTOBER 23.

MORNING.

Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness; *fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life*, whereunto thou art also called. 1 *Tim.* vi. 11, 12.

Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. *Tit.* ii. 12, 13.

Let us serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear, for our God is a consuming fire. *Heb.* xii. 28, 29.

Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 *Pet.* i. 5-8.

EVENING.

›isest thou the riches of God's goodness, and
nce, and long-suffering; not knowing that the
ɜ of God leadeth thee to repentance? *Rom.* ii. 4.
e unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy
nd I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon
learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart;
hall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is
d my burden is light. *St. Matt.* xi. 28-30.
›n thou art in tribulation, and all these things
e upon thee, *even in the latter days*, if thou
the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient to
ɜ (for the Lord thy God is a merciful God), he
forsake thee, neither destroy thee. *Deut.* iv. 30, 31.
ı ye even to me, *with all your heart*, and with
and with mourning, and with weeping. And
ır heart, and not your garments, and turn unto
d your God; for he is gracious and merciful,
anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth
he evil. *Joel.* ii. 12, 13.

OCTOBER 24.

MORNING.

are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were
fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow,
re is none abiding. 1 *Chron.* xxix. 15.
old thou art wroth; for we have sinned. . . .
all as an unclean thing, and all our righteous-
ıre as filthy rags: and we all do fade as a leaf;
: iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

And there is none that calleth upon thy name, th stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou ha hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because our iniquities. But now, O Lord, thou art our Fathe we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we are all th work of thy hand. Be not wroth very sore, O Lor neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, w beseech thee, we are all thy people. *Isai. lxiv. 5-9.*

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. *Confession in Communion Service.*

EVENING.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy before thee. *Deut. xxxiii. 27.*

The Lord said to Jacob, Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest; and I will not leave thee. *Gen. xxviii. 15.*

Keep me as the apple of thine eye: hide me under the shadow of thy wings. *Ps. xvii. 8.*

Keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me, O Lord my strength and my Redeemer. *Ps. xix. 13, 15.*

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I trust in thee. *Ps. xxv. 20.*

Lord, thou hast made all things, and thou preservest them all. Preserve me, O Lord, for in thee do I put my trust. *Ps. xvi. 1.*

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. *Ps. xviii. 2.*

I will both lay me down in peace and sleep, for thou, Lord, only makest me to dwell in safety. *Ps.* iv. 8.

OCTOBER 25.

MORNING.

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed: because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, *while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.* Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life; and not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, *by whom we have now received the atonement.* *Rom.* v. 1-11.

EVENING.

And Jesus sate over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury;

and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury. For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

St. Mark xii. 41-44.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. *St. Luke* vi. 38.

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack, but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

Prov. xxviii. 27.

Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

Prov. xxi. 13.

OCTOBER 26.

MORNING.

The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, . . . Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; *the soul that sinneth, it shall die.* But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right . . . and hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with

garment; he that hath not given forth upon usury, either hath taken any increase, that hath withrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man, hath walked in my tatutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God.
Ezek. xviii. 1, 4, 5, 7-9.

We are accounted righteous before God only for the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by faith, and not for our works or deservings. *Article* xi.

EVENING.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery; but I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee; for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand ffend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee; for it is rofitable for thee that one of thy members should erish, and not that thy whole body should be cast nto hell. It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away is wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement; ut I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his ife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to ommit adultery; and whosoever shall marry her that divorced committeth adultery. *St. Mat.* v. 27-32.

OCTOBER 27.

MORNING.

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God yea, even for the living God; when shall I come t appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me Where is now thy God? Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself; for I went with the multitude and brought them forth into the house of God, in the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among such as keep holy-day. Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul; and why art thou so disquieted within me? *Put thy trust in God*; for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance. . . . The Lord hath granted his loving-kindness in the day time, and in the night season did I sing of him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life. I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me; why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me? . . Why art thou so vexed, O my soul; and why art thou so disquieted within me? O put thy trust in God; for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance and my God. *Ps.* xlii.

EVENING.

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, d keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful d right, *he shall surely live, he shall not die.* All his ansgressions that he hath committed, they shall not mentioned unto him; in his righteousness that he ath done he shall live. Have I any pleasure at all at the wicked should die? saith the Lord God; and ot that he should return from his ways, and live? . . epent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from ou all your transgressions, whereby ye have transressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit; r why will ye die? . . . For I have no pleasure in e death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God; *herefore turn yourselves, and live ye.* *Ezek.* xviii. 20-23, 32.

OCTOBER 28.

MORNING.

Unto thee I lift mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in e heavens. Behold, even as the eyes of servants look ito the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a aiden unto the hand of her mistress, even so our eyes ait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy on us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy on us. *Ps.* cxxiii. 1-3.

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplicans; in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy hteousness. And enter not into judgment with thy rvant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justid. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he th smitten my life down to the ground; he hath ade me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead; therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the works of thy hands. *Ps.* cxliii. 1-5 (Bible version).

God alone can give us grace and strength to overcome our great enemy, even Satan, 'who persecutes our souls,' and makes us to 'dwell in darkness,' and in the shadow of death—therefore to him do we look.

EVENING.

And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and *asked counsel of God*, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the Lord said, Judah shall go up first . . . And the children of Israel went up and wept before the Lord until even, and asked counsel of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin, my brother? And the Lord said, Go up against them. And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day. . . Then all the children of Israel and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sate there before the Lord, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before the Lord. And the children of Israel inquired of the Lord . . . saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin, my brother, or shall I cease? And the Lord said, Go up; for to-morrow I will deliver them into thine hand. *Judges* xx. 18, 23, 24, 26-28.

OCTOBER 29.

MORNING.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice; have nercy also on me and answer me. *Ps.* xxvii. 7 (Bible version).

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; hou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have nercy upon me and hear my prayer. *Ps.* iv. 1 (Bible version).

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to thy mercy remember thou me, or thy goodness sake, O Lord. For thy name sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity, for it is great. Look upon mine affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins. *Ps.* xxv. 7, 11, 18 (Bible version).

O turn unto me and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid. Show me a token for good; that they vhich hate me may see it and be ashamed; because hou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me. *Ps.* lxxxvi. 16, 17 (Bible version).

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of ine enemies; *make thy way plain before my face.* *Ps.* v. 8.

EVENING.

If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I ommand the locust to devour the land, or if I send estilence among my people; If my people, which are alled by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, nd seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; hen *will I hear from heaven and forgive their sins,* nd will heal their land. 2 *Chron.* vii. 13, 14.

For this shall every one that is godly pray unto hee in a time when thou mayest be found; surely in the floods of great waters, they shall not come n unto him. *Ps.* xxxii. 6 (Bible versio

Call upon me in the day of trouble and I w deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. *Ps.* l. 15 (Bible version

Call unto me and I will answer thee, and show th great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. *Jer.* xxxiii.

And it shall come to pass, that *before they call* *will answer, and while they are yet speaking I w* *hear.* *Isai.* lxv.

OCTOBER 30.

MORNING.

Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. *Ps.* xxv. 4, 5 (Bible version).

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. *Ps.* xxvii. 11 (Bible version).

I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me; teach me thy statutes. Make me to understand the way of thy precepts; so shall I talk of thy wondrous works. Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it *with my whole heart.* The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy; thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn thy commandments. I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant. *Ps. cxix. 26-76.*

EVENING.

The ungodly said, reasoning with themselves, *but not aright,* Our life is short and tedious, . . . the breath in our nostrils is as smoke . . . and our life shall pass away as the trace of a cloud, and shall be dispersed as a mist that is driven away with the beams of the sun, and overcome with the heat thereof. *For our time is a very shadow that passeth away.* . . Come on, therefore; let us enjoy the good things that are present . . . let us fill ourselves with costly wine and ointment; and let no flower of the spring pass by us. . . . Let none of us go without his part of our voluptuousness. . . Let us oppress the poor righteous man; let us not spare the widow, nor reverence the ancient grey hairs of the aged . . . let us lie in wait or the righteous, because he is not for our turn, and e is clean contrary to our doings; he upbraideth us ith our offending the law . . . he professeth to ave the knowledge of God, and he calleth himself the hild of the Lord. . . . He pronounceth the end of e just to be blessed. . . . As for the mysteries of od, they know them not . . . nor discerned a re-ard for blameless souls. They shall see the end of e wise, and shall not understand what God in his unsel hath decreed of him, and to what end the Lord th set him in safety. They shall see him and despise m, but God shall laugh them to scorn. . . . Then all the righteous man stand in great boldness before e face of such as afflicted him, and made no account his labours. When they see it, they shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the strangeness of his salvation, *so far beyond all that they looke for*. And they, repenting and groaning for anguish o spirit, shall say within themselves, This was he who we had sometimes in derision, and a proverb of reproach. We fools accounted his life madness, an his end to be without honour. Now is he numbere among the children of God, and his lot is among th saints. *Wisdom* ii. 1-22; iv. 17, 18; v. 1-5.

OCTOBER 31.

MORNING.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. . . . Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him; yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles. They looked unto him and were lightened, and their faces were not ashamed. *The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.* The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. *The face of the Lord is against them that do evil,* to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. But the righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Ps. xxxiv. 4, 7, 15-17 (Bible version).

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity, for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping. The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer. *Ps.* vi. 8, 9. (Bible version).

I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. *Ps.* xl. 1 (Bible version).

EVENING.

And it came to pass, as Jesus sate at meat in the use, behold many publicans and sinners came and te down with him and his disciples. And when the arisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why teth your Master with publicans and sinners? But en Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. ut go ye and learn what that meaneth; I will have ercy, and not sacrifice: for *I am not come to call the ghteous, but sinners to repentance.* Then came to im the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the harisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? And esus said unto them, Can the children of the bride-hamber mourn as long as the bridegroom is with hem? but the days will come when the bridegroom hall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.

St. Matt. ix. 10-15.

NOVEMBER 1.

MORNING.

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks; yea, unto thee do we give thanks; for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare. *Ps.* lxxv. 1.

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee, and my soul, which thou hast redeemed; my tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long. *Ps.* lxxi. 23.

I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble: thou hast known my soul in adversities. *Ps.* xxxi. 7.

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity? . . . He retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. *Mic.* vii. 18.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth for evermore. From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised. *Ps.* cxiii. 2, 3.

I will extol thee, my God, O King, and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee, and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. *Ps.* cxlv. 1, 2.

EVENING.

While he (Jesus) spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead; but come and y thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus ose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. And, hold, a woman which was diseased with an issue of ood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the m of his garment; for she said within herself, If I ay but touch his garment I shall be whole. But sus turned him about, and when he saw her he said, aughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made ee whole. And the woman was made whole from at hour. And when Jesus came into the ruler's use, and saw the minstrels and the people making a ise, he said unto them, Give place; for the maid is t dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to orn. And when the people were put forth, he went n, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. nd the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

St. Matt. ix. 18-26.

NOVEMBER 2.

MORNING.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and t all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever. One neration shall paise thy works to another, and shall clare thy mighty acts. *Ps.* cxlv. 4, 21.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; O my od, I trust in thee, let me not be ashamed; let them ashamed that transgress without cause. Show me y ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in y truth and teach me, for thou art the God of my lvation; on thee do I wait all the day. *Ps.* xxv. 1-5.

Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me und the shadow of thy wings, from the wicked that oppr me, from my deadly enemies who compass me abo Arise, O Lord . . . deliver my soul from the wicke which is thy sword. *Ps. xvii. 8, 9, 13.*

O Lord, in thee do I put my trust; save me fro all them that persecute me, and deliver me. *Ps. vii. 1.*

EVENING.

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country. And as they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake; and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of devils. And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. *St. Matt. ix. 27-35.*

NOVEMBER 3.

MORNING.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us refore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chaming and wantonness, not in strife and envying. t put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not vision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof; knowthe time, that now it is high time to awake out of p; for now is our salvation nearer than when we ieved. *Rom.* xiii. 11-14.

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you alway remembrance of these things, though ye know m. 2 *Pet.* i. 12.

Furthermore then, we beseech you, brethren, and ort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye ld abound more and more. For ye know what mandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. Now Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, *even our Father, ich hath loved us . . . comfort your hearts, and blish you in every good word and work.*

1 *Thess.* iv. 1, 2; 2 *Thess.* ii. 16, 17.

EVENING.

Thou calledst upon me in trouble, and I delivered e; and heard thee what time as the storm fell upon e. *Ps.* lxxxi. 7.

As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall e me. In the evening, and morning, and at noonday, l I pray, and that instantly; and he shall hear my voice. It is he that hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me; for there were many with me. O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee; and shall not suffer the righteous to fall for ever. *Ps.* lv. 17-22.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering, and of great goodness. He will not always be chiding, neither keepeth he his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. Like as a father pitieth his own children, even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him. *Ps.* ciii. 8-10. 13.

NOVEMBER 4.

MORNING.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people. . . . Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.* I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the sight of all his people; in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord. *Ps.* cxvi. 11-16.

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen; praise him, all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord. *Ps.* cxvii. 1, 2.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious; because his mercy endureth for ever. *Ps.* cxviii. 1.

* Redeemed me from a state of slavery under sin, to serve a much better master.

EVENING.

O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? *Having begun in the Spirit*, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? Have ye suffered so many things in vain, if it be yet in vain? He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed; so then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. *Gal.* iii. 1-9.

NOVEMBER 5.

MORNING.

The Lord created man of the earth, and turned him into it again. He gave them few days and a short time, and power also over the things therein. He endued them with strength by themselves, and made them according to his image, and put the fear of man upon all flesh, and gave him dominion over beasts and fowls. Counsel, and a tongue, and eyes, and a heart, gave he them to understand. Withal he filled them with the knowledge of understanding, and showed them good and evil. He set his eye upon their hearts, that he might show them the greatness of his works. He gave them to glory in his marveilous acts for ever, that they might declare his works with understanding. . . . Beside this he gave them knowledge, and the law of life for an heritage. He made an everlasting covenant with them, and showed them his judgments. Their eyes saw the majesty of his glory, and their ears heard his glorious voice. And he said unto them, Beware of all unrighteousness. *Ecclus.* xvii. 1–14.

EVENING.

The Lord is king, be the people never so impatient; he sitteth between the Cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet. The Lord is great in Sion: and high above all people. They shall give thanks unto thy name: which is great, wonderful, and holy. . . . O magnify the Lord our God: and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy. . . . O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him. . . for the Lord our God is holy.

Ps. xcix. 1–3, 5, 9.

ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that
ıade us, and not we ourselves; We are his people,
ıe sheep of his pasture. *Ps. c. 2.*

s, God's throne is over all; he overrules all things,
l power and dominion are his; and yet he is *our*
ınd *we* are the objects of his tender care and
ıkable love. We are his people and his sheep,
›sen flock, which he has purchased with his blood,
he feeds with his word and refreshes with his

Horne.

NOVEMBER 6.

MORNING.

e fear of the Lord is the first step to be accepted
, and wisdom obtaineth his love. The knowledge
commandments of the Lord is the doctrine of
ınd they that do things that please him shall re-
he fruit of the tree of immortality. The fear of
rd is all wisdom; and in all wisdom is the per-
ıce of the law and the knowledge of his omni-
y. . . . He that hath small understanding and
ı God, is better than one that hath much wisdom
ıngresseth the law of the Most High.

Ecclus. xix. 18-24.

ey that fear the Lord will not disobey his word:
ey that love him will keep his ways. They that
e Lord will seek that which is well pleasing unto
ınd they that love him shall be filled with the
[hey that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts
ımble their souls in his sight, saying, We will

fall into the hands of the Lord, and not into the hands of men; for as his majesty is, so is his mercy.
Ecclus. ii. 15-18.

EVENING.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire: hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness sake. And enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Ps. cxliii. 1, 2.*

Haste thee to help me, O Lord God of my salvation.
Ps. xxxviii. 22.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. *Ps. xxiii. 4.*

Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. *Ps. xxxii. 8.*

Into thy hands I commend my spirit: for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.
Ps. xxxi. 6.

I will lay me down in peace and take my rest, for it is thou, Lord, only that makest me to dwell in safety.
Ps. iv. 9.

NOVEMBER 7.

MORNING.

Accept, I beseech thee, the free-will offering of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me thy judgments. Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes. I am thy servant; give me understanding that I may know thy testimonies.
Ps. cxix. 108, 124, 125.

Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant. Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live, for thy law is my delight. *Ps. cxix. 76, 77.*

Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good: that the proud * do me no wrong. *Ps. cxix. 122.*

Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and *lead me in the way everlasting.* *Ps. cxxxix. 23, 24.*

Deliver me, O God, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me. Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God; thy spirit is good; *lead me into the land of uprightness.* *Ps. cxliii. 9, 10.*

* 'The proud;' those that are too proud to humble themselves before God, too proud to confess themselves miserable sinners, dependent on God for all.

EVENING.

If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; *he is proud, knowing nothing,* but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness. *From such withdraw thyself.* . . . O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science *falsely so called.* *1 Tim. vi. 3–5, 20.*

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. *Rev. i. 3.*

Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Rom. x. 17.

Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.
St. John v. 39.

The Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. iii. 15.

NOVEMBER 8.

MORNING.

My son, if thou come to serve the Lord, prepare thy soul for temptation. Set thy heart aright and constantly endure, and make not haste in time of trouble. Cleave unto him, and depart not away, that thou mayest be increased at thy last end. Whatsoever is brought upon thee take cheerfully, and be patient when thou art changed to a low estate. For gold is tried in the fire, and acceptable men in the furnace of adversity. *Believe in him, and he will help thee; order thy way aright, and trust in him.* Ye that fear the Lord, wait for his mercy, and go not aside lest ye fall. Ye that fear the Lord, believe him: and your reward shall not fail. Ye that fear the Lord, hope for good and for everlasting joy and mercy. Look at the generations of old, and see: did ever any trust in the Lord, and was confounded? or did any abide in his fear, and was forsaken? or whom did he ever despise that called upon him? *For the Lord is full of compassion and mercy, longsuffering and very pitiful, and forgiveth sins, and saveth in time of affliction.*
Ecclus. ii. 1-11.

EVENING.

ıe day is thine, and the night is thine: thou hast ·ed the light and the sun. Thou hast set all the ·s of the earth: thou hast made summer and :. . . . Thou didst divide the sea through thy : thou breakest the heads of the dragons in the ι. . . . Thou broughtest out fountains, and waters the hard rocks: thou driedst up mighty waters.
Ps. lxxiv. 14-18.

ıou, even thou, art to be feared: and *who may in thy sight when thou art angry?* Thou cause thy judgment to be heard from heaven: rth trembled and was still. When God arose to ent; and to help all the meek upon earth. The ess of man shall turn to thy praise, and the ess of them shalt thou refrain. . . . He shall ι the spirit of princes: and is wonderful among ıgs of the earth. *Ps.* lxxvi. 7-12.

d why? God is the judge: he putteth down one, tteth up another. For in the hand of the Lord is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full mixed; e poureth out of the same. As for the dregs f, *all the ungodly of the earth* shall drink them ck them out. *Ps.* lxxv. 8-10.

NOVEMBER 9.

MORNING.

ıoso feareth the Lord shall not fear, nor be afraid; is his hope. Blessed is the soul of him that ι the Lord; to whom doth he look? and who is his :h? *For the eyes of the Lord are upon them* *that love him; he is their mighty protection and strong stay; a defence from heat and a cover from the sun at noon; a preservation from stumbling and an help from falling.* He raiseth up the soul and lighteneth the eyes; he giveth *health, life, and blessing.* *Ecclus.* xxxiv. 14-17.

O how great is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee! *Ps.* xxxi. 19.

As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. *Ps.* ciii. 11.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy. *Ps.* cxlvii. 11.

By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil. *Prov.* xvi. 6.

Unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings. *Mal.* iv. 2.

EVENING.

Truly God is loving unto Israel, even unto such as are of a clean heart. Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone; my treading had well nigh slipt. And why? I was grieved at the wicked; I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity. For they are in no peril of death, but are lusty and strong. They come in no misfortune like other folk, neither are they plagued like other men. And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride and overwhelmed with cruelty. . . . They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy; their talking is against the most High. . . . Tush, say they, how should God perceive it? is there knowledge in the most High? Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the world, these have riches in possession; and I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain . . . yea, and I had almost said even as they.

.. Then thought I to understand this, but it was oo hard for me. Until I went into the sanctuary of God, hen understood I the end of these men. Namely, how hou dost set them in slippery places, and casteth them own and destroyest them. Oh, how suddenly do they nsume, perish, and come to a fearful end! *Ps.* lxxiii. 1-18.

NOVEMBER 10.

MORNING.

Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. e spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. *St. Mark* xiv. 38.

Lord, thou knowest whereof we are made, that we but dust. *Ps.* ciii.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the ble knees. *Isai.* xxxv. 3.

God is my strength and power; he maketh my way fect. *2 Sam.* xxii. 33.

The Lord is my strength and my shield. *Ps.* xxviii. 8.

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of ptations. *2 Pet.* ii. 9.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is mon to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer to be tempted above that ye are able, but will h the temptation make a way to escape, that ye be able to bear it. *1 Cor.* x. 13.

But he that overcometh shall inherit all things; and ill be his God, and he shall be my son. *Rev.* xxi. 7.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for n he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, ich the Lord hath promised to them that love him. *James* i. 12.

EVENING.

Whom have I in heaven but thee, O Lord? and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee. My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and after that receive me with glory. It is good for me to hold me fast by my God, and to put my trust in the Lord God. *Ps.* lxxiii. 23-27.

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him. *Job.* xiii. 15.

For he hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. *Heb.* xiii. 5.

God is our God for ever and ever. He will be our guide even unto death. *Ps.* xlviii. 14.

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. *Ps.* lvi. 3.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. *Ps.* xxiii. 4.

NOVEMBER 11.

MORNING.

And it was the third hour; and they crucified him. And the superscription of his accusation was written over, The King of the Jews. And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. And the Scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors. *St. Mark* xv. 25-28.

hath poured out his soul unto death, and he was ·ed with the transgressors, and he bare the sins γ, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

Isai. liii. 12.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only n son, that whosoever believeth in him should ish, but have everlasting life. *St. John* iii. 16.

.ese words were written 712 years before Christ, filled to the letter 745 years after.

EVENING.

ır my law, O my people; incline your ears unto ·ds of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a ; I will declare hard sentences of old: Which ·e heard and known; and such as our fathers ›ld us: That we should not hide them from the ı of the generations to come; but to show the of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works ˛ hath done. He made a covenant with Jacob, ʳe Israel a law; which he commanded our fore- to teach their children: that their posterity ɔnow it; and the children which were yet unborn; intent that, when they came up, they might eir children the same; that they might put their ı God, and not to forget the works of God, but › his commandments. And not to be as their , a faithless and stubborn generation; a gene- ;hat set not their heart aright, and whose spirit h not steadfastly unto God. . . . But forgat what done, and the wonderful works that he had for them. *Ps.* lxxviii. 1-12.

NOVEMBER 12.

MORNING.

Great is the earth, high is the heaven, swift is the sun in his course, for he compasseth the heavens round about, and fetcheth his course again to his own place in one day. Is he not great that maketh these things? therefore great is the truth, and stronger than all things. All the earth calleth upon the truth, and the heaven blesseth it; all works shake and tremble at it, and with it is no unrighteous thing. As for the truth, it endureth, and is always strong; it liveth and conquereth for evermore. With her there is no accepting of persons, or rewards: but she doeth the things that are just, and refraineth from all unjust and wicked things, and all men do well like of her works. Neither in her judgment is any unrighteousness; and she is the strength, kingdom, power, and majesty of all ages. Blessed be the God of truth. *1 Esdras* iv. 34-36, 38-40.

EVENING.

Marvellous works did God in the sight of our forefathers, in the land of Egypt. . . . He divided the sea and let them go through; he made the waters to stand on an heap. In the daytime also he led them with a cloud; and all the night through with a light of fire. He clave the hard rocks in the wilderness; and gave them drink thereof, as it had been out of the great depth. He brought waters out of the stony rock, so that it gushed out like the rivers. Yet for all this they sinned more against him, and provoked the most Highest in the wilderness. They tempted God in their hearts: and required meat for their lust. They spake

, God also, saying, Shall God prepare a table in derness? He smote the stony rock indeed, that ter gushed out, and the streams flowed withal; n he give bread also? or provide flesh for his ? When the Lord heard this he was wroth; so : was kindled in Jacob, and there came up heavy sure against Israel: *because they believed not in nd put not their trust in his help.*

Ps. lxxviii. 19–23.

NOVEMBER 13.

MORNING.

us speaketh the Lord of Hosts, which stretcheth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the and formed the spirit of man within him, saying, :e true judgment, and show mercy and com- ı every man to his brother; and oppress not the and the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; t none of you imagine evil against his brother in eart. *Zech.* vii. 9, 10; xii. 1.

ve of thy bread to the hungry, and of thy gar- to them that are naked; give alms of thy nce; and when thou givest alms, let not thine envious, *neither turn thy face from any poor; he face of God shall not be turned from thee.* u hast abundance, give accordingly: if thou hast ;tle, be not afraid to give according to that little: ou layest up a good treasure for thyself against ,y of necessity. For alms is a good gift unto all ;ive it in the sight of the most High.

Tobit iv. 16, 7–9, 11.

Evening.

My son, hast thou sinned? Do so no more, but ask pardon for thy former sins. How good is it, when thou art reproved, to show repentance; for so shalt thou escape wilful sin. He that hateth to be reproved is in the way of sinners: but he that feareth the Lord will repent from his heart. . . . Say not, I have sinned, and what harm hath happened unto me? for the Lord is longsuffering: he will in no wise let thee go. And say not, His mercy is great; he will be pacified for the multitude of my sins, for *mercy and wrath come from him, and his indignation resteth upon sinners.* Make no tarrying to turn to the Lord, and *put not off from day to day*; for suddenly shall the wrath of the Lord come forth, and in thy security shalt thou be destroyed, and perish in the day of vengeance. . . . Think upon the wrath that shall be at the end, and the time of vengeance when he shall turn away his face. Return unto the Lord and forsake thy sins; make thy prayer before his face. . . . Turn again to the most High, and turn away from iniquity, for he will lead thee out of darkness unto the light of health.

Ecclus. xxi. 1; xx. 3; xxi. 6; v. 4, 6; xviii. 24; xvii. 25, 26.

NOVEMBER 14.

Morning.

Seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty: acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee. Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and *lay up his words in thine heart.* If thou return to the lmighty thou shalt be built up; thou shalt put away iquity . . . yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence. or then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, d shalt lift up thy face unto God. Thou shalt make y prayer unto him; and he shall hear thee, and thou alt pay thy vows . . . and the light shall shine upon y ways. *Job* viii. 5; xxii. 21–28.

Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows nto the most High. And call upon me in the day of ouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. . . Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me, and to him at ordereth his conversation aright will I show the lvation of God. *Ps.* l. 14, 15, 22, 23.

EVENING.

Bless God, praise him, and magnify him, and praise m for the things that he hath done unto you, in the ght of all that live. It is good to praise God and alt his name, and honourably to show forth the works God: therefore be not slack to praise him. Prayer good with fasting and alms and righteousness. A ttle with righteousness is better than much with righteousness. It is better to give alms than to y up gold. Bless the Lord thy God alway, and desire him that thy ways may be directed, and that all thy aths and counsels may prosper; for every nation hath ot counsel; but the Lord himself giveth all good hings, and he humbleth whom he will, as he will. Now herefore, my son, remember my commandments, neither t them be put out of thy mind, and bless the Lord thy od alway. *Tobit* xii. 6–8; iv. 19.

NOVEMBER 15.

MORNING.

Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon; and behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord; yet the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from their master's table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour. *St. Matt.* xv. 21-28.

True faith gathers strength by trials; and when the Lord has sufficiently proved the waiting soul, he will honour faith and humble perseverance, and abundantly answer every believing prayer.

EVENING.

Lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands: and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all

angels stood round about the throne . . . and fell
›re the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,
ng, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and
nksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be
o our God for ever and ever. Amen. . . . What
these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence
ie they? . . . These are they which came out of
ıt tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made
n white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are
r before the throne of God, and serve him day and
ıt in his temple; and he that sitteth upon the
›ne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no
'e, neither thirst any more: neither shall the sun
ıt on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is
he midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall
l them unto living fountains of waters; and God
ll wipe away all tears from their eyes. *Rev.* vii. 9-17.

NOVEMBER 16.

MORNING.

As for me, I will sing of thy power, and will praise
mercy betimes in the morning; for thou hast been
defence and my refuge in the day of my trouble.
to thee, O my strength, will I sing; for thou, O God,
my refuge and my merciful God. *Ps.* lix. 16, 17.

Whensoever I call upon thee, then shall mine
mies be put to flight; this I know, for God is on my
e. In God's word will I rejoice; in the Lord's word
l I comfort me. Yea, in God have I put my trust;
ill not be afraid what man can do unto me. Unto

thee, O God, will I pay my vows; unto thee will I give thanks. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling; that I may walk before God in the light of the living. *Ps. lvi. 9-13.*

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee; and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge. . . . *Ps. lvii. 1.*

EVENING.

And Jesus . . . went up into a mountain, and sate down there. And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them. Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see; and they glorified the God of Israel. Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way. And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude? And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full. And they that did eat were four thousand men, besides women and children. *St. Matt. xv. 29-39.*

NOVEMBER 17.

MORNING.

1 it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that
ed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.
he entered into a certain village, there met him
n that were lepers, which stood afar off: and
fted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have
on us. And when he saw them, he said unto
Go, show yourselves unto the priests. And it
o pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.
ne of them, when he saw that he was healed,
back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and
wn on his face at his feet, giving him thanks:
was a Samaritan. And Jesus, answering, said,
here not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?
are not found to give glory to God save this
r. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way;
h hath made thee whole. *St. Luke* xvii. 11–19.

EVENING.

son, be mindful of the Lord our God all thy
nd let not thy will be set to sin, or to transgress
mandments. Do uprightly all thy life long, and
not the ways of unrighteousness. For if thou
uly, thy doings shall prosperously succeed to
nd to all them that live justly. Let not the
of any man that hath wrought for thee, tarry
iee, but give it him out of hand: for, if thou
od, he will also repay thee. Be circumspect,
, in all things thou doest, and be wise in all thy
ation. . . . Despise not thy mother, but honour
the days of thy life, and do that which shall please

her, and grieve her not. Remember, my son, that she saw many dangers for thee, when thou wast in her womb. . . . Do that to no man which thou hatest: drink not wine to make thee drunken. Ask counsel of all that are wise, and despise not any counsel that is profitable . . . and fear not, my son, that we are made poor; for thou hast much wealth, if thou fear God, and depart from all sin, and do that which is pleasing in his sight. *Tobit* iv. 3-21.

NOVEMBER 18.

MORNING.

O hold thou up my goings in thy paths; *that my footsteps slip not.*[*] I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me: incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words. Keep me as the *apple of an eye*: hide me under the *shadow of thy wings.*[†] From the ungodly that trouble me; mine enemies compass me round about to take away my soul. Show thy marvellous loving-kindness, thou that art the saviour of them which put their trust in thee. *Ps.* xvii. 5-9.

[*] The image here is taken from one walking in a slippery path, for such is that of human life, by reason of temptations; so that the believer, especially if he be young and feeble and inexperienced, has great need of a divine supporter in every step he takes.

[†] He who has so fenced and guarded that precious and tender part, the pupil of the eye, and who has provided for the security of a young and helpless brood under

the wings of the hen, is here entreated to extend the same providential care, and parental love, to the souls of his elect, equally exposed to danger, and equally beset with enemies. *Bishop Horne.*

EVENING.

Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of nother. Love as brethren; be pitiful, *be courteous; not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing*, but ontrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto alled, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his ongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile. Let him eschew evil and do good; let him seek peace nd ensue it. For *the eyes of the Lord are over the ighteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: ut the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.* And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of hat which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye; and be not afraid of their error, neither be troubled. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an nswer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.

1 *Pet.* iii. 8-15.

NOVEMBER 19.

MORNING.

Who is God, but the Lord; or who hath any trength, except our God? It is God that girdeth me with strength of war; and maketh my way perfect.* . . . He teacheth mine hands to fight: and mine arms shall break even a bow of steel. Thou hast given me the defence of thy salvation; thy right hand also shall hold me up, and thy loving correction shall make me great. . . . Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle; thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me. . . . The Lord liveth, and blessed be my strong helper; and praised be the God of my salvation. . . . It is he that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, and setteth me up above mine adversaries. . . . For this cause will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, . . . and sing praises unto thy name. *Ps. xviii. 31-50.*

* God invests the spiritual warrior with strength, or what the Apostle calls 'the spirit of might in the inner man,' as the loins of a soldier are braced, by the military girdle.—He removes everything that may impede his progress, until he has accomplished his warfare, and finished his course in righteousness. Which seems to be what is meant by 'making his way perfect.' *Bishop Horne.*

EVENING.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night*: in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing, then, that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the of the day of God, wherein the heavens being shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt rvent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his , look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that for such things, be diligent that ye may be him in peace, without spot, and blameless. . . . efore, beloved, seeing ye know these things be- *vare lest ye, being led away with the error of ed, fall from your own steadfastness.* But grow and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour hrist. 2 *Pet.* iii. 9–18.

NOVEMBER 20.

MORNING.

n Jesus came unto the coasts of Cæsarea Phi- asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say he Son of man am? And they said, some say u art John the Baptist; some Elias; and others s, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, iom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter d and said, *Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Jod.* And Jesus answered and said unto him, art thou, Simon Barjona; for flesh and blood t revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is en. And I say also unto thee, that thou art nd upon this rock will I build my church: and s of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and ver thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

St. Matt. xvi. 13-20.

EVENING.

My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be showing thy truth from one generation to another. . . . O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works: and thy truth in the congregation of the saints. . . . The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: thou hast laid the foundations of the round world, and all that therein is. . . . Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee; they shall walk in the light of thy countenance. . . . The Lord is our defence: the Holy One of Israel is our King. Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting and world without end. Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday; seeing that it is past as a watch in the night.

Ps. lxxxix. 1, 5, 12, 16, 19; xc. 1-4.

NOVEMBER 21.

MORNING.

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias, talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.* And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. *St. Matt.* xvii. 1-8.

EVENING.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire: hearken unto me, for thy truth and righteousness' sake. And enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost: O seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments. Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake; and for thy righteousness' sake, bring my soul out of trouble. Haste thee to help me, O Lord God of my salvation. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences. Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin; for I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Turn thy face from my sins; and blot out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O

God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy spirit from me. *Ps.* cxliii. 1, 2; cxix. 176; cxliii. 11; xxxviii. 22; li. 1–3, 7, 9–11.

NOVEMBER 22.

MORNING.

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones, which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. . . . Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones: for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. . . . It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

St. Matt. xviii. 1–6, 10, 14.

EVENING.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the earth; thou wilt not deliver him unto e will of his enemies. He hath dispersed; he hath ven to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; s born shall be exalted with honour. The liberal an shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be tered also himself. He that hath pity on the poor ndeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given ll he pay him again. He that hath a bountiful eye ill be blessed, for he giveth of his bread to the poor. thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the licted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and y darkness be as the noonday. He that despiseth neighbour sinneth; but he that hath mercy on the or, happy is he. Remember the words of the Lord us, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to eive. *Ps.* xli. 1, 2; cxii. 9; xi. 25; *Prov.* xix. 17; xxii. 9; *Isai.* lviii. 10; *Prov.* xiv. 21; *Acts* xx. 35.

NOVEMBER 23.

MORNING.

My son, defraud not the poor of his living, and ke not the needy eyes to wait long. Make not an ngry soul sorrowful; neither provoke a man in his tress. Add not more trouble to a heart that is vexed, defer not to give to him that is in need. Reject the supplication of the afflicted; neither turn away face from a poor man. Turn not away thine eye n the needy, and give him none occasion to curse e. Let it not grieve thee to bow down thine ear to poor, and give him a friendly answer with meeks. Deliver him that suffereth wrong from the hand of the oppressor, and be not faint-hearted when thou sittest in judgment. Be as a father unto the fatherless. . . . Fail not to be with them that weep, and mourn with them that mourn. Be not slow to visit the sick, for that shall make thee to be beloved. Reproach not a man that turneth from sin, but remember that we are all worthy of punishment. My son, blemish not thy good deeds, neither use uncomfortable words when thou givest anything. Lo, is not a word better than a gift? *Ecclus.* iv. 1-5; vii. 10; vii. 34, 35; viii. 5; xviii. 15, 17.

EVENING.

And behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may inherit eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is God; but if thou wilt enter into life, *keep the commandments.* He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, honour thy father and thy mother, and thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily, I say unto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. *St. Matt.* xix. 16-24.

NOVEMBER 24.

MORNING.

xcellent is thy loving-kindness, O God; there-
children of men put their trust under the
thy wings. *Ps.* xxxvi. 7.

ord redeemeth the souls of his servants, and
em that trust in him shall be destitute.
Ps. xxxiv. 22.

God, his way is perfect; the word of the
ied; he is a buckler to all those that trust in
Ps. xviii. 30.

d is that man that maketh the Lord his trust,
teth not the proud, nor such as turn aside
Ps. xl. 4.

d of Hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth
Ps. lxxxiv. 12.

lvation of the righteous is of the Lord; he is
gth in the time of trouble. And the Lord
them and deliver them from the wicked, and
, because they trust in him. *Ps.* xxxvii. 39, 40.

e thou hast made the Lord, which is my
en the Most High, thy habitation, there shall
fall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh
ng. *Ps.* xci. 9, 10.

*wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind
n thee, because he trusteth in thee.*
Isai. xxvi. 3.

EVENING.

esus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve
part in the way, and said unto them, Behold
o Jerusalem, and the Son of Man shall be be-
o the chief priests and unto the scribes, and

they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him; and the third day he shall rise again. Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with; but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. *St. Matt.* xx. 17-23.

NOVEMBER 25.

MORNING.

Ye shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord. *Levit.* xxvi. 2.

Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. *Deut.* v. 12.

Six days shalt thou do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest; that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid and the stranger may be refreshed. *Exod.* xxiii. 12.

And it shall come to pass that from one new moon

to another and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord.
Isai. lxvi. 23.

Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them. I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes and keep my judgments and do them; and hallow my Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God. *Ezek.* xx. 12, 19, 20.

Every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer. *Isai.* lvi. 6.

EVENING.

And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the Mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go unto the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the Daughter of Sion, Behold thy King cometh unto thee, meek and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way.

And the multitude that went before and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!

St. Matt. xxi. 1-9.

NOVEMBER 26.

MORNING.

And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple; and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves. And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. *And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple: and he healed them.* And when the chief priests and scribes saw the *wonderful* things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, and said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

St. Matt. xxi. 10-16.

EVENING.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Heb. xi. 16.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only n Son, that whosoever believeth in him should sh, but have everlasting life. *St. John* iii. 16.

grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not elves; it is the gift of God. *Eph.* ii. 8.

that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; that believeth not the Son, shall not see life, wrath of God abideth on him. *St. John* iii. 36.

in Jesus Christ neither circumcision nor uncir- on availeth anything; *but faith which worketh* *Gal.* v. 6.

eve on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be *Acts* xvi. 31.

u believest that there is one God; thou doest he devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt ow, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? *James* ii. 19, 20.

s is a faithful saying . . . that they which have l in God might be careful to maintain good *Tit.* iii. 8.

d, increase our faith. *St. Luke* xvii. 5.

NOVEMBER 27.

MORNING.

n went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto eir disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, w that thou art true, and teachest the way of truth, neither carest thou for any man; for thou st not the person of men. Tell us, therefore, inkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto

Cæsar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Cæsar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

St. Matt. xxii. 15-22.

EVENING.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Josh. i. 8.

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart, and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. *Deut.* xi. 18.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word. *Ps.* cxix. 9.

The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. *Ps.* xxxvii. 31.

His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the water side, that bringeth forth his fruit in due season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth it shall prosper. *Ps.* i. 2, 3.

NOVEMBER 28.

MORNING.

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the
lessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.
f there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren
. . thou shalt not harden thine heart nor shut thine
and from thy poor brother; but thou shalt open thine
and wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient
r his need, in that which he wanteth. Beware that
ere be not a thought in thy wicked heart . . . and
ine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou
ivest him naught; and he cry unto the Lord against
ee, and it be sin unto thee. Thou shalt surely give
im, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou
ivest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord
y God shall bless thee in thy works, and in all that
ou puttest thine hand unto. For the poor shall never
ase out of the land: therefore I command thee, say-
g, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother,
thy poor, and to the needy in thy land.

Deut. xvi. 17; xv. 7-11.

EVENING.

Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his dis-
ples, saying, The Scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses'
at; all therefore whatsoever they bid you observe,
at observe and do, but do ye not after their works;
r they say and do not. For they bind heavy burdens
d grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoul-
ers; but they themselves will not move them with
e of their fingers, but all their works they do for to
e seen of men; they make broad their phylacteries,
d enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the

uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. But be not ye called Rabbi; for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon earth, for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters, for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

St. Matt. xxiii. 1-12.

NOVEMBER 29.

MORNING.

Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But, and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. *St. Matt.* xxiv. 42–51.

EVENING.

Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. *Prov.* iv. 23.

Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, Consider your ways. *Hag.* i. 5.

Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; rove your own selves. 2 *Cor.* xiii. 5.

Watch therefore; for ye know neither the day, nor he hour, wherein the Son of man cometh. *St. Matt.* xxv. 13.

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the evil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom e may devour; whom resist stedfast in the faith, nowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in our brethren that are in the world. 1 *Pet.* v. 8, 9.

Set your affections on things above, not on things n the earth. *Col.* iii. 2.

Use this world as not abusing it, for the fashion of his world passeth away. 1 *Cor.* vii. 31.

What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole 'orld and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give ı exchange for his soul? *St. Matt.* xvi. 26.

May God in his great mercy awaken and stir up our earts, and direct them into the love of God and the atient waiting for Christ!

NOVEMBER 30.

MORNING.

Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, there came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.[*] But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. Verily, I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

St. Matt. xxvi. 6-13.

[*] This was Martha, the sister of Lazarus, who in making this use of the 'alabaster box of very precious ointment,' testified her reverence and love for her Lord. According to the custom of that age and country, perfumed oil or ointment was poured on the head of kings and priests and distinguished persons at feasts and on solemn occasions. She could therefore give no better token of her love and respect.

EVENING.

The world by wisdom knew not God. 1 *Cor.* i. 21.

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. *Ps.* ciii. 7.

God is a spirit, and they that worship him *must* worship him in spirit and in truth. *St. John* iv. 24.

There is no God beside me, a just God, and a Saviour; there is none beside me. *Look unto me and e ye saved*, all ye ends of the earth: for I am God, and here is none else. *Isai.* xlv. 21, 22.

Great is our Lord, and of great power; his undertanding is infinite. *Ps.* cxlvii. 5.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding he evil and the good. *Prov.* xv. 3.

All things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. *Heb.* iv. 13.

Thou God seest me. *Gen.* xvi. 13.

Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me and now my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way n me, and lead me in the way everlasting. *Ps.* cxxxix. 23, 24.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and inisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever nd ever. Amen. 1 *Tim.* i. 17.

DECEMBER 1.

MORNING.

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him. Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the city, unto such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover. Now when even was come, he sate down with the twelve. And as they did eat, he said, Verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I? And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. The Son of man goeth as it is written of him, but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man, if he had not been born. Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said. *St. Matt.* xxvi. 14-25.

EVENING.

know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible as silver and gold, from your vain conversation l by tradition from your fathers: but with the ; blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish hout spot. *1 Pet.* i. 18, 19.

Son of man came to give his life a ransom for *St. Mark* x. 45.

)pen the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners ie prison, and them that sit in darkness out)rison-house. *Isai.* xlii. 7.

t thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to ıat are in darkness, Show yourselves. *Isai.* xlix. 9.

ist hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, ıade a curse for us. *Gal.* iii. 13.

en the fulness of time was come, God sent forth made of a woman, made under the law, to them that were under the law, that we might the adoption of sons. *Gal.* iv. 4, 5.

ist our passover is sacrificed for us. *1 Cor.* v. 7.

whom we have redemption through his blood, ;iveness of sins according to the riches of his *Eph.* i. 7.

DECEMBER 2.

MORNING.

as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and ıke, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, e thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not henceforth drink of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives. Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night; for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples. *St. Matt.* xxvi. 26-35.

EVENING.

If thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him; *if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.* *Deut.* iv. 29.

If thou seek him he will be found of thee. 1 *Chron.* xxviii. 9.

If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplications to the Almighty; if thou wert pure and upright, surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous. *Job* viii. 5, 6.

Thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee. *Ps.* ix. 10.

Your heart shall live that seek God. *Ps.* lxix. 32.

Ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. *Jer.* xxix. 13.

Seek the Lord till he come and rain righteousness upon you. *Hosea* x. 12.

Seek ye me, and ye shall live. *Amos* v. 4.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him; to the soul that seeketh him. *Lam.* iii. 25.

He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of all them that diligently seek him. *Heb.* xi. 6.

The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; if ye seek him, he will be found of you. 2 *Chron.* xv. 2.

The hand of our God is upon all them for good that eek him; but his power and his wrath is against all hem that forsake him. *Ezra* viii. 22.

DECEMBER 3.

MORNING.

And they came to a place which was named Gethemane; and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here while shall pray. And he taketh with him Peter and James nd John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very eavy; and saith unto them, My soul is exceeding orrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here and watch. nd he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and rayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass rom him. And he said, Abba Father, all things are ossible unto thee; take away this cup from me; neverheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt. And he ometh and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto 'eter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldst not thou watch one our? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptaion. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

And again he went away, and prayed and spake the same words. And when he returned he found them asleep again (for their eyes were heavy), neither wist they what to answer him. And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest; it is enough, the hour is come; behold the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go; lo! he that betrayeth me is at hand.
St. Mark xiv. 39–42.

EVENING.

O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments. *Dan.* ix. 4.

God keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him, unto a thousand generations. *Deut.* vii. 2.

Showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. *Exod.* xx. 6.

Let them that love him be as the sun, when he goeth forth in his might. *Judges* v. 35.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him.
Ps. cxlv. 20.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him. *Ps.* xci. 14.

All things work together for good to them that love him. *Rom.* viii. 28.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 *Cor.* ii. 9.

I love them that love me. *Prov.* viii. 17.

He that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father; and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him.
St. John xiv. 21.

DECEMBER 4.

MORNING.

All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon . . . and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built . . . by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king, to thee it is spoken; the kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, *until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men*, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar; and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagle's feathers, and his nails like bird's claws. And at the end of the days, I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation. And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and *he doeth according to his will*, in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and *none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?* At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness *returned unto me;* and my counsellors, and my lords,

sought unto me, and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me. Now, I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment; and *those that walk in pride he is able to abase.*
Dan. iv. 28-37.

EVENING.

Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the house of God, which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone. In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another. The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. . . . Then came in all the king's wise men; but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof. Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonied.
Dan. v. 1-9.

DECEMBER 5.

MORNING.

ᐠnd while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, ɜ, and with him a great multitude with swords and ɜs, from the chief priests and elders of the people. he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, ımsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, ter; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, nd, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, laid hands on Jesus, and took him. And, behold, of them which were with Jesus stretched out his l, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus him, Put up again thy sword into its place; for hey that take the sword shall perish with the sword. ıkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, he shall presently give me more than twelve legions ıgels? But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, thus it must be? *St. Matt.* xxvi. 47–54.

EVENING.

Then Daniel answered and said, . . . I will read writing unto the king, and make known to him the rpretation. O thou king, the most high God gave ıuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and y, and honour: and for the majesty that he gave , all people, nations, and languages, trembled and ed before him: whom he would he slew; and whom would he kept alive; and whom he would he set *and whom he* would he put down. But when *his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride*, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: and he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses; they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that *the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men*, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will. *And thou*, his son, O Belshazzar, *hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this*; but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven . . . and *the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified*. Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written. . . . This is the interpretation of the thing. . . . God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. . . . Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. . . . Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. . . . In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom. *Dan.* v. 17-31.

Soon will every *impenitent* sinner find the handwriting of God's word that now stands out against him, executed upon him. His days will soon be numbered and finished . . . whilst nothing will remain for him but indignation and wrath, and tribulation and anguish, for evermore. *Scott's Bible.*

DECEMBER 6.

MORNING.

And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and ith him were assembled all the chief priests, and the lders, and the scribes. . . . And they sought for itness against Jesus to put him to death; and found one. For many bare false witness against him, but eir witness agreed not together. And there arose rtain, and bare false witness against him, saying, e heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is ade with hands, and within three days I will build nother made without hands. . . . And the high priest ood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest ou nothing? what is it which these witness against ee? But he held his peace, and answered nothing. gain the high priest asked him, and said unto him, rt thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And esus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man itting on the right hand of power, and coming in the louds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, nd saith, What need we any further witnesses? Ye ave heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And hey all condemned him to be guilty of death.

St. Mark xiv. 53-64.

EVENING.

Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, e do always resist the Holy Ghost; as your fathers did, o do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers ersecuted? and they have slain them which showed efore of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have een now the betrayers and murderers; who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. But he (Stephen) being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts vii. 51–60.

DECEMBER 7.

MORNING.

Then took they him and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house, and Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him; and he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them; and Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after, another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him; for he is a Galilæan. And 'eter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And nmediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. nd the Lord turned and looked upon Peter; and Peter membered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto im, Before the cock crow thou shall deny me thrice. nd Peter went out and wept bitterly. *St. Luke* xxii. 54–62.

EVENING.

When the morning was come, all the chief priests id elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to ut him to death; and when they had bound him, they d him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate, the overnor. . . . Now at that feast the governor was wont release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. nd they had then a notable prisoner called Barabbas. herefore when they were gathered together, Pilate saith nto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? arabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew iat for envy they had delivered him. . . . They said, arabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do ien with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say nto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, hy, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the iore, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw iat he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult as made, he took water and washed his hands before ie multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this ist person; see ye to it. Then answered all the people id said, His blood be on us and on our children. Then leased he Barabbas unto them; and when he had ourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

St. Matt. xxvii. 1, 2, 15–26.

DECEMBER 8.

MORNING.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. And as they came out, they found a man, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall; and when he had tasted thereof he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.* And sitting down they watched him there; and set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

St. Matt. xxvii. 27-38.

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* These very words occur in Ps. xxii. 18, which was written more than 1,000 years before the birth of Christ.

EVENING.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over ll the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth our, Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eli, Eli, lama abachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast hou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there hen they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. nd straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, nd filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave im to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether lias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried gain with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And ehold the veil of the temple was rent in twain from he top to the bottom; and the earth did quake and he rocks rent. . . . Now when the centurion and they hat were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake nd those things that were done, they feared greatly, aying, *Truly this was the Son of God.* And many omen were there beholding afar off, which followed esus from Galilee, ministering unto him; among which as Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James nd Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

St. Matt. xxvii. 45–56.

DECEMBER 9.

MORNING.

When the even was come, there came a rich man of rimathæa, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' isciple; he went to Pilate, and begged the body of

Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene and the other Mary sitting over against the sepulchre. Now the next day . . . the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead. So the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch; go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch. *St. Matt.* xxvii. 57-66.

EVENING.

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And behold there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow; and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay: and go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him; lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail! And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. *St. Matt.* xxviii. 1-9.

DECEMBER 10.

Morning.

Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid; go, tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. Now, when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and showed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept; and if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught; and *this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.* Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee unto a mountain where Jesus had appointed them, and when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. *St. Matt.* xxviii. 19-20.

Evening.

It is appointed unto men once to die; but after this the judgment. *Heb.* ix. 27.

God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ. *Rom.* ii. 16.

God shall bring every word into judgment: with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil. *Eccles.* xii. 14.

Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap. *Gal.* vi. 7.

We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Every one of us shall give account of himself to God. *Rom.* xiv. 10, 12.

Who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts. 1 *Cor.* iv. 5.

I saw the dead, both small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. *Rev.* xx. 12.

We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that which he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 2 *Cor.* v. 10.

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. *Rev.* ii. 10.

DECEMBER 11.

MORNING.

And being assembled together with them, he (Jesus) commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptised with water; but ye shall be baptised with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while hey beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly oward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by hem in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so ome in like manner as ye have seen him go into eaven. *Acts* i. 4–11.

EVENING.

Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. *Gen.* iii. 19.

The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is *eternal life*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Rom.* vi. 23.

We must needs die; and are as water spilt on the round, which cannot be gathered up again. 2 *Sam.* xiv. 14.

There is but one step between me and death. *1 Sam. x. 3.*

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? *Ps. lxxxix. 48.*

The living know that they shall die. *Eccles. ix. 5.*

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. *Num. xxiii. 10.*

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. *Ps. xxiii. 4.*

There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary are at rest: there the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor. The small and great are there, and the servant is free from his master. *Job iii. 17, 18.*

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace. *Ps. xxxvii. 7.*

The wicked is driven away in his wickedness, but the righteous hath hope in his death. *Prov. xiv. 32.*

DECEMBER 12.

MORNING.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they (the disciples) were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, as of fire; and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and

egan to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave hem utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem ews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. ow when this was noised abroad, the multitude came ogether, and were confounded, because that every an heard them speak in his own language. And they ere all amazed, and marvelled, saying one to another, ehold, are not all these that speak Galilæans? And ow hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we ere born? . . . And they were all amazed, and were n doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? thers, mocking, said, These men are full of new wine.
Acts ii. 1-13.

EVENING.

The Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with oses there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord, and he Lord passed by before him and proclaimed, The ord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffer-ng and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy or thousands. *Num.* xi. 25.

Thou, Lord, art good and *ready to forgive*, and lenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
Ps. lxxxvi. 5.

Thou, O Lord, art a God *full of compassion, and racious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and ruth.* *Ps.* lxxxvi. 15.

The Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting. *Ps.* c. 5.

Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord. *Ps.* cxix. 156.

Thy mercy endureth for ever. *Ps.* cxxxviii. 8.

Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth niquity, and passeth by the transgression of the rem-ant of his heritage; he retaineth not his anger for ever, ecause *he delighteth in mercy.* Thou art a God ready *to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.* Mic. vii. 8.

Though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. Lam. iii. 32.

As I live, saith the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked. Ezek. xxxiii. 11.

DECEMBER 13.

MORNING.

Peter's Sermon.

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judæa, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken unto my words; for these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: and I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come. And it shall come to pass, that *whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.* Acts ii. 14-21.

EVENING.

This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass, in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh. *Acts* ii. 16, 17.

If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, *how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?* *Luke* xi. 13.

The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 *Cor.* ii. 14.

We have access by one Spirit unto the Father. *Eph.* ii. 18.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit. *Eph.* vi. 18.

God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth; whereunto he called you by our Gospel to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 *Thess.* ii. 13, 14.

As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. *Rom.* viii. 14.

The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth. *Eph.* v. 9.

Quench not the Spirit. 1 *Thess.* v. 19.

DECEMBER 14.

MORNING.

Peter's Sermon—continued.

Ye men of Israel hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him, in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified, and slain; whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord alway before my face, for he is on my right hand that I should not be moved. Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope. Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

Acts ii. 22-28.

EVENING.

God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions. *Eccles.* vii. 29.

By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. *Rom.* v. 12.

Behold I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. *Ps.* li. 5.

They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies. *Ps.* lviii. 3.

There is none righteous, no, not one. . . . All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. *Rom.* iii. 10, 23.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? *Jer.* xvii. 9.

The carnal mind is enmity against God; for he is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. *Rom.* viii. 7.

He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. *Prov.* xxix. 1.

Lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. *Heb.* iii. 13.

The lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and he pride of life. 1 *John* ii. 16.

The wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot est, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no eace, saith my God, to the wicked. *Isai.* lvii. 20, 21.

DECEMBER 15.

MORNING.

Peter's Sermon—continued.

Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of he patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, nd his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore, eing a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with n oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according o the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his hrone; he, seeing this before, spake of the resurrection f Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his esh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised p, whereof we are all witnesses. Therefore being by he right hand of God exalted, and having received of he Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens; but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus whom ye have crucified both Lord and Christ. *Acts* ii. 33-36.

EVENING.

The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. *Luke* xix. 10.

They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. *St. Mark* ii. 17.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for *he will abundantly pardon.* *Isai.* lv. 6, 7.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. *Ps.* ciii. 10.

All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isai.* liii. 6.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 *Tim.* i. 15.

Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred and tongue, and people and nation, and hast made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth. *Rev.* v. 9, 10.

DECEMBER 16.

MORNING.

Peter's Sermon—continued.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptised every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, *and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.* For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, *Save yourselves from this untoward generation.* Then they that gladly received his word were baptised; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many signs and wonders were done by the apostles.
Acts ii. 37–43.

EVENING.

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that *forget God.* *Ps.* ix. 17.

Whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
St. Matt. x. 33.

Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. *St. Matt.* xxv. 41.

Their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
St. Mark ix. 44.

The time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

Rev. xxii. 10, 11.

And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. *St. Luke* xvi. 22, 23.

I tell you I know you not whence ye are; *depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.* There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and *you yourselves thrust out.*

St. Luke xiii. 27, 28.

DECEMBER 17.

MORNING.

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man, lame from his mother's womb, was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of those that entered into the temple; who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked an alms. And Peter fastening his eyes upon him, with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him. *Acts* iii. 1-10.

EVENING.

What is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. *James* iv. 14.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. *Ps.* xc. 12.

Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. *Job* xiv. 1.

We are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow. *Job* viii. 9.

When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. *Ps.* xxxix. 11.

We all do fade as a leaf. *Isai.* lxiv. 6.

Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. 1 *Pet.* i. 17.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. *Prov.* xxvii. 1.

The time is short. Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 *Cor.* vi. 2.

To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. *Heb.* iii. 7.

DECEMBER 18.

MORNING.

And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering. And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us; as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; and killed the Prince of Life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know; yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. But those things which God before had showed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. *Acts* iii. 11-18.

EVENING.

Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. *Exod.* xx. 12.

Cursed is he that setteth light by his father or his mother. *Deut.* xxvii. 16.

My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother. *Prov.* i. 8.

A wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother. *Prov.* x. 1.

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them. *St. Luke* ii. 51.

Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. *Col.* iii. 20.

Ye shall fear every one his mother, and his father, and keep my Sabbaths; I am the Lord your God. *Levit.* xix. 3.

Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. My son, give me thy heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. *Prov.* xxiii. 22, 26.

Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness. *Prov.* xx. 20.

The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it. *Prov.* xxx. 17.

DECEMBER 19.

MORNING.

And as they (Peter and John) spake unto the people, the priests . . . and the Sadducees came upon them, being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection of the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold until the next day; for it was now eventide. Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of men was about five thousand. And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, and Annas, the high priest . . . were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power or by what name have ye done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people and elders of Israel, if we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; be it known unto you all . . . that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. *Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved.* *Acts* iv. 1-12.

EVENING.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. *2 Tim.* iii. 16.

Holy men spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. *2 Pet.* i. 21.

Search the Scriptures . . . they are they which testify of me. *St. John* v. 39.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. *Ps.* cxix. 8.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. *Col.* iii. 16.

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby. *1 Pet.* ii. 2.

My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew; as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass. *Deut.* xxxii. 2.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word. *Ps. cxix. 9.*

Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee. *Ps. cxix. 11.*

Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels. *St. Luke ix. 26.*

DECEMBER 20.

MORNING.

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled. . . . And beholding the man that was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem, *and we cannot deny it.* But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people; for all men glorified God for that which was done: for the man (lame from his mother's womb) was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was showed. *Acts* iv. 13–22.

EVENING.

Be sure your sin will find you out. *Num.* xxxii. 23.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee; our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. *Ps.* xc. 8.

How many are mine iniquities and my sins? *Job* xiii. 23.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *John* i. 8, 9.

O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us shame and confusion of face. *Dan.* ix. 7.

The love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge that if one died for all, then were all dead. 2 *Cor.* v. 14.

God commendeth his love to us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. *Rom.* v. 8.

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 *John* i. 7.

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? *Heb.* ii. 3.

Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of. 2 *Cor.* vii. 10.

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. *St. Luke* xv. 10.

Lord, save us; we perish. *St. Matt.* viii. 25.

God be merciful to me a sinner! *St. Luke* xviii. 13.

DECEMBER 21.

MORNING.

And being let go, they (Peter and John) went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is. Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together. For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. *Acts* iv. 23–31.

EVENING.

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not into the path of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it and pass away. *Prov.* iv. 14, 15.

Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil. *Exod.* xxiii. 2.

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.
Prov. i. 10.

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? *2 Cor.* vi. 14.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. *Ps.* i. 1.

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. *Prov.* xiii. 20.

A companion of riotous men shameth his father, and he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough. *Prov.* xxviii. 7, 19.

Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners. *1 Cor.* xv. 33.

I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts. *Ps.* cxix. 63.

DECEMBER 22.

MORNING.

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of God. . . . And his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee. And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them. And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. And all the city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him. And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. And Simon and they that were with him followed after him. And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee. And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also; for therefore came I forth.

St. Mark i. 14, 28–38.

Evening.

Now therefore our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? *for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.* For we are strangers before thee and sojourners, as were all our fathers; our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house, for thine holy name, cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own. I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart, I have willingly offered all these things; and now have I seen with joy thy people which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the hearts of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee: and give unto

Solomon, my son, *a perfect heart*, to keep thy commandments, and thy testimonies, and thy statutes.

1 Chron. xxix. 18-19.

DECEMBER 23.

MORNING.

And Jesus preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils. And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.* And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. And he straitly charged him and forthwith sent him away; and saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man; but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

St. Mark i. 39-45.

* So in like manner let all who are weary of the leprosy of sin and afraid of the consequences of it, kneel down to Christ and beseech him, saying, 'If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean;' for when he speaks the word (and he will speak it if we truly believe in him)

the most inveterate habits will be conquered, and all evil propensities subdued, and sin shall have no more dominion over us. *Scott's Bible.*

EVENING.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. *St. Matt.* xxii. 37.

In him we live, and move, and have our being. *Acts* xvii. 28.

Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 *Cor.* x. 31.

God is love. In this was manifested the love of God towards us: because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 1 *John* iv. 8, 9.

I am the Lord, I change not. *Mal.* iii. 6.

The Lord, the Lord God, *merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth; keeping mercy for thousands; forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty.* *Exod.* xxxiv. 6, 7.

Thus saith the high and lofty One, that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit; to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. *Isai.* lvii. 15.

As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked. *Ezek.* xxxiii. 11.

DECEMBER 24.

MORNING.

O Lord, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction; they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return. . . . They have belied the Lord, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine. . . . Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: Fear ye not me? saith the Lord; will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it; and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. Your iniquities have turned away these things; and your sins have withholden good things from you. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord.

Jer. v. 3, 12, 21-29.

EVENING.

The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day; the way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble. *Prov.* iv. 18, 19.

How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; and have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ears to them that instructed me! *Prov.* v. 12, 13.

One sinner destroyeth much good. *Eccles.* ix. 18.

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. *Ps.* xxxvii. 16.

The wicked flee when no man pursueth; but the righteous are bold as a lion. *Prov.* xxviii. 1.

God judgeth the righteous; and God is angry with the wicked every day. *Ps.* vii. 11.

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord; but the prayer of the upright is his delight. *Prov.* xv. 8.

There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked. *Isai.* xlviii. 22.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. 1 *Pet.* iii. 12.

If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 1 *Pet.* iv. 18.

These shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. *St. Matt.* xxv. 46.

DECEMBER 25.

MORNING.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet (Isaiah), saying,* Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which, being interpreted, is, God with us.

St. Matt. i. 18–23.

* This prophecy, foretelling the birth of a Saviour, was written 758 years before Christ.

EVENING.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

St. Luke ii. 15–21.

DECEMBER 26.

MORNING.

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. . . . And there was one Anna, a prophetess: . . . she was of a great age . . . and she, coming in that instant, gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.
St. Luke ii. 25–38.

EVENING.

Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. *Rev.* xix. 5.

Praise ye the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praises unto his name, for it is pleasant. *Ps.* cxxxv. 3.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High! to show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night. *Ps.* xcii. 1, 2.

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. *Ps.* lxix. 30.

Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the most Highest. And call upon me in the time of trouble; so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me. *Ps.* l. 14, 15.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show thy praise. *Ps.* li. 15.

Whoso offereth me thanks and praise, he honoureth me. *Ps.* l. 23.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify thy name for evermore. For great is thy mercy toward me, and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. *Ps.* lxxxvi. 12, 13.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with his benefits, even the God of our salvation. *Ps.* lxviii. 19.

DECEMBER 27.

MORNING.

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem, and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed; and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

St. Luke ii. 40–52.

EVENING.

He that endureth to the end shall be saved.

St. Matt. x. 22.

If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. *St. John* viii. 31, 32.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, *ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

St. John xv. 7.

My beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 *Cor.* xv. 58.

Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. *Gal.* vi. 9.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for he is faithful that promised). Cast not away your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. *Heb.* x. 23, 35.

Let that abide in you which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye shall also continue in the Son and in the Father. 1 *John* ii. 24.

And now, little children, abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. *1 John* ii. 24, 28.

And behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. *Rev.* xxii. 12.

DECEMBER 28.

MORNING.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.* And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears. And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth: and they said, Is not this Joseph's son? *St. Luke* iv. 16-22.

* He was not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. *St. Matt.* xv. 24.

He came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. *St. Mark* ii. 17.

EVENING.

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. *Ps.* lxv. 2.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. *Ps.* xxxiv. 15, 17.

Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee. *Job* xxii. 27.

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. *Ps.* l. 15.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them. *Ps.* cxlv. 19.

The Lord is far from the wicked, but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. *Prov.* xv. 29.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him. *Ps.* xci. 15.

He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. *Isai.* xxx. 19.

And it shall come to pass, that *before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.* *Isai.* lxv. 24.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. *St. Matt.* vii. 7-8.

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. *St. John* xvi. 24.

DECEMBER 29.

MORNING.

And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her. And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her; and immediately she arose and ministered unto them. Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. And devils also came out many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ, the Son of God.* And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak; for they knew that he was Christ. And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place; and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them. And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also; for therefore am I sent. And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee. *St. Luke* iv. 38-44.

* Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believe and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? *James* ii. 19, 20.

EVENING.

Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. *Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life*, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.* Charge them which are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. *1 Tim. vi. 11, 12, 17-19.*

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning, and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord. Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life; and so that day come upon you unawares. *St. Luke xii. 35; xxi. 34.*

The hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of *damnation.* *St. John v. 28, 29.*

* We have each done this at our confirmation; i.e. 'professed a good profession before many witnesses,' and entered into a solemn covenant with God.

DECEMBER 30.

MORNING.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor; for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are ye that hunger now; for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now; for ye shall laugh. Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy; for, behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep. Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets. *St. Luke vi. 20-26.*

Perhaps some who were rich and lived in plenty and luxury had come to make remarks on our Lord's preaching, and to deride what they had heard, and these might primarily be addressed here. But our Lord intended to show his disciples the danger of riches, worldly indulgences, and those ruinous advantages which men so eagerly pursue, and of that pride and self-sufficiency which are commonly increased by outward prosperity. *Scott's Commentary on the Bible.*

EVENING.

Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. *St. Mark viii. 34.*

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. *St. Luke ix. 23.*

If thy right eye offend thee, (that is, any lust as dear as a right eye,) pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, (that is, any lust as dear as thy right hand,) cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. *St. Matt. v. 29, 30.*

Enter ye in at the strait (narrow) gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat; because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. *St. Matt. vii. 13, 14.*

What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? *St. Mark* viii. 36.

DECEMBER 31.

MORNING.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. *Ps.* xxv. 1.

Thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb. I have been left unto thee, ever since I was born. O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand, and there is none to help me. *Ps.* xxii. 9-11.

Show me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and learn me. *Ps.* xxv. 4, 5.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and I will walk in thy truth. *Ps.* cxix. 35, 36; xxvi. 3.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth, but, according to thy mercies, think thou upon me, for thy goodness' sake. O Lord, pardon mine iniquity, for it is great. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me. . . . O keep my soul, and deliver me. Let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee. *Ps.* xxv. 6, 7, 11, 16, 20.

The Lord thy God is a merciful God; he will not destroy thee. *Deut.* iv. 31.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him. *Ps.* ciii. 13, 17.

Evening.

We bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told. *Ps.* xc. 9.

I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. *St. John* ix. 4.

The day of the Lord is at hand; the great day of the Lord is near, and hasteth greatly. *Zeph.* ii. 7, 14.

The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; wherefore, beloved, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless, and grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 *Pet.* iii. 10, 14, 18.

Be sober, be vigilant; because *your adversary, the devil*, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour; whom resist stedfast in the faith. 1 *Pet.* v. 8, 9.

The end of all things is at hand. Be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 1 *Pet.* iv. 7.

Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth came. *St. Matt.* xxiv. 42.

At midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. *St. Matt.* xxv. 6.

Be ye therefore ready, for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. Let your loins be girded and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, . . . that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. *St. Luke* xii. 35, 36.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. *Jude* xxiv. 25.

A PRAYER FOR THE MORNING.

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom I live, and move, and have my being, and whose mercy is over all thy works, I, thy unworthy servant, offer to thee my humblest praise, for thy preservation of my life to this day. Blessed be thy Holy Name, for thy continued protection, by which I have been defended amidst the changes and chances of this mortal life, and kept and delivered from innumerable dangers. To thy watchful providence I owe it, that no evil hath happened to me through the night past, and that I have enjoyed quiet and refreshing sleep, and am brought in safety to the beginning of this day. For these and all thy other mercies I bless and magnify thy glorious Name, humbly beseeching thee to accept my morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for his sake, who laid down his life and rose again, for my sake. Defend me, this day, from all things hurtful to my soul and body. Help me to do thy will—make me to remember that thine eye is always on me; assist me with thy grace to overcome the devil, and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh; confirm and strengthen me in all good resolutions, that as I grow in years I may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Hear me, for his sake, and let thy blessing rest this day on me and all that are dear to me, I earnestly beseech thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A MORNING PRAYER IN THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning, will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. I laid me down and slept; I awaked, for the Lord sustained me. Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. Order my steps in thy word, and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? O God, thou knowest my foolishness, and my sins are not hid from thee. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to thy mercy, remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. God be merciful to me, a sinner. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance, and forgiveness of sins. To God, only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ, for ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE EVENING.

Most great and glorious Lord God, under a deep sense of my unworthiness I prostrate myself before thee, and confess that in many ways I have offended thee this day. For Jesus Christ's sake forgive me all I have done amiss, and make me to repent truly of all my sins. I thank thee for thy preservation of me through the day past, and all the many blessings thou hast poured down on my unworthy head—my life and health, my reason, my sight and my hearing, my food and raiment, and all my comforts are thy gifts, and I bless and thank thee for all. Oh, let the sense of all thy goodness to me, lead me to repentance, and make me love thee more, and serve thee better. Be pleased to take me, and all that are dear to me, into thy protection this night, and defend us from all perils and dangers. Let me lie down, and rise up again, with holy thoughts of thee. I ask all for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER IN THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE.

Lord, I cry unto thee; make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice when I cry unto thee; let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. The sun knoweth his going down. Thou makest darkness, and it is night. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee: but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me under the shadow of thy wings. Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits. I will both lay me down in peace and sleep; for thou, Lord, only makest me to dwell in safety. Preserve me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust. Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY.

O Blessed Saviour, I adore thee, for all that thou hast suffered (as on this day) for my sins, and the sins of the whole world. Thou wast sold to thine enemies, condemned to death, spitted upon, mocked, beaten with stripes, and nailed to the cross. Have mercy upon me. Help me to remember the agonies thou hast suffered, to obtain pardon and salvation for me. Give me true sorrow for all my sins: may the thought of thy sufferings make me fear to do wrong; lest I should crucify thee afresh: and let the remembrance of thy goodness make me love thee with all my heart, that at last I may go down into the grave in peace and hope, and rise again with joy at the last day. Grant this, O Blessed Saviour, for thy mercies' sake. Amen.

PRAYER FOR EASTER DAY.

Glory be to thee, O victorious Redeemer, who hast triumphed over the powers of sin and darkness, and conquered hell, and the grave. Glory be to thee, by whom death is swallowed up in victory; who, by thy glorious resurrection, hast made known the power of thy Divinity: and proved thyself the true Messias, the beloved Son of God. Keep me, O Almighty Saviour, stedfast in this faith, and raise me from the death of sin, unto the life of righteousness: that I, being risen with thee, may place my affections on things above, where thou sittest at the right hand of God. Through thy strength enable me to overcome the enemies of my soul: the devil, the world, and the flesh. Let me never defile my body with sensual and brutish lusts, since thou hast designed to make it immortal and incorruptible. Nor let the thoughts of death be terrible unto me, since thou hast opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: of which I pray that I may be a partaker, O Lord, my gracious Saviour, and victorious Redeemer. Amen.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who was made man, to take away the sins of the world; have mercy upon me, by turning me from my iniquities. Thou, who wast manifested to destroy the works of the devil; have mercy upon me, by enabling me to renounce and forsake them. Thou, who art the great Advocate, with the Father, for penitent sinners, receive my prayer; for thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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